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### JAPANESE GOODS THROWN OVERBOARD.

### PAKKAI ACTION.

#### Undercurrent Despite Chinese Veto.

#### SHANGHAI STUDENTS ARRANGING A STRIKE.

Although the Canton Government has prohibited demonstrations, Chinese at Pakkai, the port of the neighbouring city of Kongmoon, have voluntarily thrown Japanese goods into the harbour when ships arrived there with such from Hong Kong. Retail shops in Kongmoon city are abstaining in transactions in Japanese merchandise.

Both the Chinese and the International Settlement authorities of Shanghai are firm in their attitude towards anti-Japanese activities which have, of course, resulted from the Tsinan incident. There is, however, an undercurrent of agitation. Students have been arrested for collecting money to further a three days' strike and a resolution has been passed to boycott Japanese steamers and cargoes. Little support has been forthcoming for the resolution.

Japanese shop windows in Wanchai, as reported elsewhere were broken last night.

#### STEAMER "BOYCOTT."

Pakkai, Yesterday. Anti-Japanese feeling here is tense but no untoward incident has occurred here yet.

The local authorities (appointed by the Canton Government) have strictly prohibited demonstrations.

Pakkai has only one Japanese resident, he being on the staff of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Owners of the retail shops in Kongmoon city—some of which are small editions of department stores—have spontaneously withdrawn from display and sale articles of Japanese origin. They have also ceased to purchase Japanese products.

Two Processions Held. In spite of the prohibitive order, parades were held in the streets on May 7 and 9, when vehement anti-Japanese slogans were conspicuously displayed. The processions ended peacefully.

Of the large number of passengers who arrive here each morning (Sundays excepted) from Hong Kong, the majority of those who have Japanese goods with them have voluntarily dumped such possessions overboard. A number who were reluctant to part with their goods were shamed into following suit before they could reach the railway station to entrain for up-country.—Our own correspondent.

[Note: Pakkai is in the West River delta, a night by steamboat from Hong Kong.]

#### STUDENTS ARRESTED.

#### Latest Developments at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Local students' organisations are endeavouring to persuade the authorities in the Chinese sections of Greater Shanghai and also the Nationalist Government of Nanking to favour steps against the Japanese. The students are also trying to obtain sympathy for plans to send out groups picked from themselves to carry out propaganda missions in different cities in China.

A strike of schools which is to last three days commenced today.

#### Shipping "Boycott."

Some students who were collecting funds in the International Settlement for their object were arrested by the Municipal police.

At a conference of local Chinese shipping firms, a resolution was passed to boycott Japanese steamers and cargoes at Shanghai. Although the resolution met with extensive support at the conference, it is believed that practical response will be half-hearted because large Chinese interests will be involved.

#### Close Co-operation.

No effort to stir up agitation succeeded so far (since the Ts-

## IN WANCHAI.

### Japanese Windows Stoned.

### CHINESE ARRESTED.

#### Outbreak Believed Due To Japanese Intervention At Tsinan.

What is believed to be an anti-Japanese outbreak as the result of the Tsinan affair occurred in Wanchai last night, when three Japanese shops suffered damage as the result of the action of a crowd of Chinese rowdies.

The shops concerned were situated at Nos. 208 and 218, Queen's-road East, and No. 57, Praya East, panes of glasses in the windows of all of which were broken when the mob threw stones at the shops.

The trouble started soon after 9 o'clock and it was some time before a large body of Wanchai police were able to restore order. The stones thrown at the shops by the rowdies were wrapped in printed paper, which is being scrutinised as it is suspected that it contained some threatening message.

There was a lot of shouting amongst the large crowd who took part in the demonstration which had the effect of disorganising traffic for a few minutes.

#### Two Arrests.

One of the shops got into touch with the police by telephone, and help arrived before the affair could take on a more serious aspect.

Most of the besiegers of the Japanese shops bolted at the appearance of the police, who, however, succeeded in arresting two men who were alleged to be leaders of the affair.

These were Lai Wing-tai (20) described as an apprentice blacksmith, and Leung Siu-ho (15) who gave his occupation as house-boy.

They both appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning on charges of maliciously causing damage at the shops concerned.

On the application of Detective Sergeant Whelan of No. 2 Police Station, they were remanded for 24 hours in police custody for further investigations.

## KOWLOON CYCLISTS.

### ANOTHER YOUTH BEFORE COURT.

#### TANDEM RIDING.

At the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield this morning, two Chinese youths were charged with reckless riding in Nathan-road, also with riding without a light. The bicycle in question happened to be a tandem, so that, remarked His Worship, the rider at the back of the cycle could not be responsible for its movements except, of course, to help it along. In view to this the second defendant was discharged. The first defendant was fined \$4 with the alternative of five days' imprisonment.

## LATE S.N.O.

### ADMIRAL SANDEMANN DEAD.

#### HERE IN 1916.

London, Yesterday. The death is announced of Rear Admiral H. G. Sandemann.—Reuter.

[Admiral Sandemann was Senior Naval Officer at Hong Kong from 1916 to 1918, in which latter year he retired. He joined the Navy as a cadet aboard H.M.S. "Britannia" in 1881, a ship he commanded in the Great War.]

## U.S. FEDERAL BANK.

### NEW YORK'S RE-DISCOUNT RATE RAISED.

#### NOW 4½ PER CENT.

New York, Yesterday. The New York Federal Reserve Bank has advanced its rediscount rate to 4½ per cent.—Reuter's American Service.

## DR. STRESEMANN.

### NOW REPORTED TO BE PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.

Berlin, Yesterday. Dr. Stresemann (Secretary for Foreign Affairs), is progressing favourably.—Reuter.

## TO BE WOUND UP.

### China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

#### "Company's Assets Will Not Be Sacrificed."

A largely attended extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., unanimously passed to-day a resolution by which the company will be voluntarily wound up and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (the general agents) and Mr. John Fleming (chartered accountant) will be joint liquidators.

The meeting was held pursuant to notice in the office of the general agents, Pedder-street.

#### The Attendance.

The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith presided. There were present the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. P. White (members of the Consulting Committee).

## MORE RAIN.

East winds, moderate, generally overcast, rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone is central over the Yellow Sea. The depression over Indo-China is unchanged.

London, Yesterday. Mr. E. B. C. Clarke (secretary) and Mr. M. H. Turner (of Messrs. Dencons, the company's solicitors) and the following shareholders, Messrs.—F. M. P. de Graca, A. M. da Silva, J. Baptista, G. E. Munro, C. Savard-Remedios, P. Sutherland, P. Tod, F. C. Hall, Choa Po-min, A. Gordon, A. W. Eastman, N. L. H. Ralston, E. A. Griffiths, A. B. Stewart, R. Gordon, Joseph Gould, A. A. Alves, P. C. Potts, Choa Po-min, J. L. Dunbar, P. M. Hodgson, A. Murdoch, A. H. Chambers, L. C. M. Boisragon. Committee of Shareholders.

The notice convening was read by the secretary. The chairman then addressed the meeting, as follows:—Gentlemen,—At our annual gen-

## OUR PICTURES.

### "China Mail's" Original Features.

#### TO-MORROW'S ISSUE.

The "China Mail" to-morrow inaugurates an interesting development in daily journalism in Hong Kong and will appear with its Pictorial Section in a special paper. Running to four complete pages, the Section devotes a whole page to pictures of local interest, among which will be shown His Excellency the Governor together with Mrs. Southern, close-ups of the St. Joseph's College Sports at Sookampoo; Mrs. Woods and her two popular daughters, who are soon leaving the Colony; a group of local insurance experts; cleverly-taken views of the Peak; one of the new handsets in Stanley Cemetery, etc.

A page in the new Section will be devoted to fashions, another to our special Home-side Picture Service, illustrating mail week's news, and another to matters of general interest.

In addition to-morrow's "China Mail" will contain the usual Saturday features, including Li Chung-yin's article on Chinese Affairs, "Is That So?" and H.C.'s "Column."

eral meeting held on 24th ulto, I explained to you the unsatisfactory position of the company and informed you that as neither its bankers nor general agents were prepared to make further advances for the company's continued operations, it had been decided to appoint an informal committee of shareholders to enquire into the company's position, and prepare a report for submission to you.

#### The Only Course.

After a thorough investigation by the informal committee, a report was prepared and presented to you, strongly recommending that the only course to adopt was to wind up the company, with which recommendation your consulting committee and general agents entirely agree.

Accordingly this meeting has been convened for that purpose. Under article 154 of the company's articles of association, the general agents shall, if willing, be appointed liquidators. We are willing to undertake the work of winding up the company and in the

meantime Mr. John Fleming of

## MURDER.

### Follows Armed Robbery Attempt.

### AT CHEUNGCHAU.

#### Brief Report Of Affair In Taishan-street.

A brief telephone message was received at Police Headquarters about 9.30 o'clock this morning, from Sub-Inspector Langley, in charge of Cheungchau Police Station, reporting that an armed robbery which was attended with murder occurred at 7.30 this morning at No. 81, Taishan-street, Cheungchau.

No particulars of the affair was given.

It is understood that soon after the receipt of the message Detective Inspector Lane and some detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department proceeded to Cheungchau to investigate the matter.

It is not expected that particulars of the affair will be available here until this afternoon.

## CABLES & WIRELESS.

### NO OFFICIAL REPORT SO FAR.

#### PREMIER'S PROMISE.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin promised facilities to discuss the cable and wireless services on May 21, but pointed out that as far as discussion of the Imperial Conference was concerned the Government would be unable to make a statement until the Conference had concluded their deliberations, which might be another month.—Reuter.

## SUGAR.

### TO BE DISCUSSED AT GENEVA.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL.

Geneva, Yesterday. The Consultative Economic Committee's sugar sub-committee have submitted a resolution calling on the League Economic Organisation closely to examine all the factors relating to sugar production and consumption mentioned in the International Trade Report and suggesting that it be submitted to the Council which will decide whether concerted international action be desirable.—Reuter.

## POK AND GWEK.

### FORMER CAPTURED BY UPPER NILE POLICE.

#### GWEEK STILL AT LARGE.

Khartum, Yesterday. The Upper Nile Police Patrol have captured the witch doctor, Pok. Gweek is still a fugitive.—Reuter.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews to act as co-liquidator, which he has agreed to do.

#### The Resolution.

I therefore beg to propose as an extraordinary resolution the resolution following, i.e.:

"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily."

"And that Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., of Pedder-street, Victoria, Hong Kong, and John Fleming of Chartered Bank-building, Victoria, aforesaid, be appointed jointly and severally liquidators for the purposes of such winding up."

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

#### In the Best Interests.

The chairman then said:—"Representations have been made to me from certain quarters that in the course of liquidation the interests of shareholders as well as those of the creditors of the company will be protected and that the assets of the company will not be sacrificed."

"I think, gentlemen, you can rely upon the integrity of the liquidators to act with prudence in such a matter and in the best interests of the company."

## THOSE TERMS.

### REPORTED TOTAL ACCEPTANCE.

### TSINAN SIGNING.

#### Chiang Kai-shek Representative Sent.

#### NATIONALIST COMMANDER STILL IN FIELD.

No word has been received from Shanghai or Nanking as to the Nationalist attitude towards Japan's four demands as the basis for settlement of the Tsinan incident. A message from Tientsin, however, said to emanate from Japanese sources, says that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has accepted the terms in full and has sent an accredited representative to Tsinan to sign the agreement.

The fact that Chiang Kai-shek did not return to Nanking from his field headquarters, as he was expected to do to confer with his colleagues, is taken as an indication that he has agreed to Japan's stipulations because he is desirous of leading his army through Tsinan (which is held by the Japanese Expeditionary Force), and that General Fukuda is to permit the passage of troops.

## SOUTHERNERS TO PROCEED.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" quotes a Japanese report from Tientsin the gist of which is:—"General Fukuda has replied to the Cabinet to the effect that Chiang Kai-shek is unreservedly accepting Japan's demands and that he is sending an accredited representative to Tsinan to sign the agreement."

"The Cabinet thereupon instructed General Fukuda to allow Chiang Kai-shek to lead his army through Tsinan (en route for the North), but at the same time to maintain close precaution so as to prevent further disturbance."

However, the report adds, there is not a word to this effect in Shanghai. The foregoing report is taken in Chinese circles to indicate confirmation of an earlier report (from a Chinese source) that Chiang Kai-shek had accepted.

## WAR REPORTS.

### Are Northerners To Make A Stand?

In the absence of reliable intelligence on the war situation in North China, it has to be presumed that there is no material change to record.

Chinese cables are widely conflicting. Pro-Nationalist reports make out the Southerners to be approaching Peking but it is noteworthy that there is no claim of a further advance on Tientsin, 30 miles to the south of which, fighting was last reported.

"Trenches Being Dug."

On the other hand, anti-Nationalist reports insist that the Northerners are not to give up Peking without attempting a stand. It is even said that if the Northerners lose Peking, they will fight outside Tientsin. Failing this, the alternative is to defend Shanhaikwan (which the Japanese may block), on the road back to Manchuria.

Trenches are being dug, it is stated, at points along this road; and General Sun Chuan-fang's Northerners are said to be digging in between Tientsin and the Southern vanguard which is south of Tientsin.

## CHANG TSO-LIN.

### "Suggestion of Peace Not Weakness."

Peking, Yesterday. Marshal Chang Tso-lin is issuing a statement.

## ROUND HER WAIST.

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When a boatwoman was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession of 29 taels of prepared non-Government opium, she pleaded that the drug was given to her by a coolie on a ship to take ashore, and she did so without knowing the nature of the contents of the parcel. Insp. Clark of West Point, where the accused was arrested, said that she must have known that she was carrying contraband, because she had the opium tied round her waist. A fine of \$2,000 or six months' jail was imposed.

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**NOTICES.****HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.****NOTICE.**

Subscription Griffin 1928/1929.

LISTS are now open for Members to subscribe for Subscription Griffin for season 1928/1929 and have been posted at the Race Course, Stables (Causeway Bay Hong Kong Club, and Secretary's Office.

By Order,  
**H. R. FORSYTH,**  
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Hong Kong, 16th May, 1928.

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held at Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on **FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928,** at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th MAY to 25th MAY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**PAUL LAUDER,**  
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**HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.**

May 17, 1928.

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**SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.****THE LATE MR. W. B. WILSON.****EVIDENCE BEFORE CORONER.**

An open verdict, that Mr. Walter B. Wilson, Jr., died by drowning, on May 1, in the Whangpoo River, was returned by the Coroner's jury in the U. S. Court before Mr. A. Krissel, Coroner. The jury was composed of Messrs. H. Longfellow, foreman, F. W. McIntyre, O. B. Gainsborough, H. B. Campbell, R. L. Larsen, and C. F. Hauss. Mr. J. B. Davies appeared for the Government.

It will be recalled that the late Mr. Wilson disappeared after leaving his room in the Astor House on the morning of May 1, ostensibly to play golf. His body was found by a sampan man, almost exactly one week after it was believed that he got into the Whangpoo.

**Difficulty of Identification.**

The jury, after viewing the remains at the Public Mortuary, returned to the American Court to complete the inquest. The first witness, Dr. T. B. Dunn, in giving evidence, said that, although the late Mr. Wilson was his personal friend, he could not definitely identify the body. He had, however, cut the initials W.B.W. from the shirt which were found in a jacket pocket. In his opinion, death was by drowning, there being no evidence of foul play.

The next witness, the night room boy at the Astor House, said that he saw Mr. Wilson leave the room, No. 115, at about 6 a.m. He carried a golf bag and clubs. Witness did not know if Mr. Wilson returned.

Mr. Krissel—How many clubs were usually in the bag?—About three or four.

Mr. Krissel—Did you speak to him that morning?—No.

Visit to the Golf Club.  
The No. 3 boy at the Shanghai Golf Club said that he knew Mr. Wilson—he was formerly a member of the Shanghai Golf Club.

Mr. Davies—Did you see Mr. Wilson on the morning of May 1?—I saw him at the Golf Club at about 6.15 a.m.

Witness also said that deceased carried his clubs but that he did not play; he wrote five letters. His clubs he left standing by his side. He wrote until 6.45 a.m., when he left the building.

Mr. Davis—What did he do with the letters?—He asked me to post them. He told me to post them on the next day. One letter was addressed to America. One was addressed to Mr. Sawyer, one to Mr. Cunningham, and one to the "China Press." Then Mr. Wilson walked off the course.

In reply to questions by Mr. Davies, witness said that Mr. Wilson appeared to be normal.

Mr. Krissel indicated deceased's golf bag and witness said that on the morning of May 1, there were more than two clubs in it. Questioned by members of the jury witness said that deceased wore his usual golfing costume. Other than instructing witness to post the letters, Mr. Wilson said nothing.

**Deceased at Ward-road.**

Mr. C. F. Taylor stated that he saw a gentleman with a golf bag get off a bus at Ward-road at 8.25 a.m. and he wondered "where is the golf course here?" The next day witness read of Mr. Wilson's disappearance and notified the police. When Mr. Wilson left the bus he walked in an easterly direction along Ward-road. Witness could not identify the face of Mr. Wilson from the photographs in the newspapers, but the general appearance was the same. He could not identify the bag—produced in Court. He did not see Mr. Wilson get in the bus. Witness ascended the bus at Nanking-road and Honan-road corner.

A Chinese police sergeant stated that he was on duty on the continuation of Yangtze-poo-roa between the point and Woosung road itself. He found a golf bag after he had been told of its presence by a wood cutter. It was on the bank of the Whangpoo River. Witness identified the bag and said that there were two clubs and three balls inside. He had not seen anyone carrying it.

**Finding of the Body.**

Mr. Charles B. Sarue, constable in the River Police, said that he was called upon to take charge of a body floating in the river. He found the body in the mud on the Shanghai side opposite the powder dump, about two miles below the "Yint." The body lay in a hole in the mud. Continuing he said that he used four boatmen to carry the body to his sampan and then he towed it to the station. Witness had searched for the missing man every day during the past week. He then described the body as being that of a middle-aged foreigner with a

striped tie and brown suit. His suit was a business suit.

His clothes were very tight. He wore no shoes or hat. In reply to the jury witness said that a ship's wash might have placed the body there, or a high tide. The body was partly covered with earth and Chinese were guarding it.

Det. Supt. Conduit, who had charge of the case, in giving evidence, said that Mr. E. S. Meiger, of the Whangpoo Conservancy, had informed the River Police that a body had been washed on the banks of the river. Together with Insp. Bourmes of the River Police, he had visited the spot and he watched Insp. Bourmes take a number of papers from deceased's clothing. Among these was a letter from the Shanghai Amateur Baseball Club addressed to Mr. Wilson and bank statements and other papers addressed to him. Witness had given instructions that the body should be removed to the Public Mortuary.

**The Deceased's Worries.**

Mr. J. B. Sawyer, in charge of the U.S. Passport Office, who had been the late Mr. Wilson's superior, said that he had known deceased intimately for about seven years. As he knew that Mr. Wilson was very punctual in appearing for duty, he thought it strange when he did not come in on the morning of May 1. Witness visited his subordinate's room in the Astor House four times during the morning, and when he failed to appear in the afternoon he reported the matter to Mr. E. S. Cunningham, U.S. Consul-General. That afternoon Mr. Sawyer walked round the golf course to see if he could find any trace of the missing gentleman.

In reply to Mr. Davies, witness said that he received a letter at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The envelope was addressed in Mr. Wilson's handwriting and he recognised the handwriting on the letter paper, although deceased had not signed it. The letter, intimated in its opening sentences that deceased desired to "end it all."

Witness, continuing, said that to all appearances, Mr. Wilson had seemed normal, although he had told Mr. Sawyer that he was worried about the financial affairs of a friend, Mr. Hodgins, regretting that he could not help him. On one occasion, however, he had asked witness if Mr. Fleming (who has just left for America) intended to prefer charges against him, Mr. Wilson. Deceased also laboured under the impression that Hodgins wished to injure his character. Only several days before he disappeared, Mr. Wilson told him that he had overheard one of the Consular stenographers say, "I'll get him yet." After the disappearance, Mr. Sawyer investigated and ascertained that the remark had never been made.

This concluded the evidence, and the jury returned the verdict as stated above.

The body will be sent to Mr. Wilson's home in Greenville, North Carolina.

**N.Y. TO SEE "DAWN."****A FEW MINOR ALTERATIONS  
BY CENSOR.**

New York.—With a few minor changes suggested by the State censor, the British film "Dawn" will shown here shortly.

The chief alteration will be the elimination of the scene in which a member of the German firing squad refuses to fire at Nurse Cavell and is shot for mutiny. Another change concerns the trial, the censor suggesting the insertion of a sub-title in the film explaining that it is usual for the defendant in such cases.

Mr. Arch Selwyn, the owner of the American rights in the film, says that he cannot understand the censor's objections, but that he is well satisfied with his treatment, and will comply with the orders without question.

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| Peak Hotel             | 1805  |
| Talkoo Sanatorium      | 1000  |
| Mt. Davis              | 877   |
| Bowen Road (Afterbeds) | 207   |
| Mainland.              | Feet. |
| Talmoshan              | 3124  |
| Kowloon Peak           | 1971  |

Mr. A. E. Willscher, who recently resigned from the position of General Manager of the Grand Hotel, Ltd., Calcutta, is en route to the United States for the purpose of forming a new company to build and operate a modern hotel of 500 rooms in Calcutta.

**IN TIENTSIN.****WORKING CONDITIONS FOR WOMEN.****RESULT OF Y.W.C.A. SURVEY.**

Peking, April 28.

Two-thirds of the women workers in Tientsin, the most prosperous city of North China, work for 11½ hours or longer for an average wage of 20 cents gold a day, according to a comprehensive survey just completed by the Young Women's Christian Association.

Out of 10,000 women workers studied, less than half are given one rest-day in seven, and one-fourth do not have any rest day whatever. Most of those who are given one day a week to themselves are employed in foreign factories.

Two industrial secretaries of the Y.W.C.A. made a study of 36 establishments, factories and small shops, which were selected as a cross-section of the Chinese woman worker's life in Tientsin. As many foreign factories were included, where conditions are above average, the picture is probably a little more optimistic than the entire facts justify.

More than one-fourth of the women workers studied have a working day of twelve hours, and more than 1,000 of the 10,000 have "no limit" to their hours of work. Eight hundred are kept at work for 15 or 16 hours a day.

More than 1,700 of the women and girls in this group, or almost one-fifth of them, work for less than ten cents gold a day. These are employed entirely in Chinese firms. More than 2,500 work for between 10 and 20 cents gold a day, and 3,000 get a maximum of 25 cents a day. The survey shows that 25 cents gold for a 12-hour day is a very high wage for a Chinese woman in Tientsin.

**Girls Under 14.**  
The six cotton mills in Tientsin employ 3,500 women and girls, according to the survey, and 1,450 of these are girls under 14 years of age. The mills also employ about 4,000 boys between 8 and 14 years of age, who work for nothing but their board and room for three years.

The mills work day and night, on a twelve-hour shift, the survey showed. One mill offers free quarters to its workers, but the others charge rent. One mill provides seats where the workers may rest occasionally, but in the other five they must stand for the entire working day or night.

**Best Working Conditions.**  
The best working conditions were discovered to be in a foreign tobacco factory, where 2,000 women workers are employed. No workers under 14 are accepted here, and an average wage of 23 cents gold a day is paid. The working day is ten hours, but in rush seasons the women may work over-time, receiving additional pay.

This tobacco factory provides free cooked rice and hot tea at the noon meal, and has a nurse to look after workers in the factory and in their homes. In case of childbirth, the woman worker is permitted one month's pay, half in advance.

Conditions in this factory are far above the average, both in pay and working conditions. In six match factories visited, many girls were working who were under 12, between 11½ and 12½ hours a day, for wages as low as ten cents gold, and without a weekly day of rest.

**Shop-Girls' Hard Life.**  
Shop-girls in Tientsin do not have an easy life, the survey shows. In the large Chinese silk and cloth stores visited, women and girl clerks worked from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight or even later, 15 or 16 hours a day, and were paid about \$1 gold a month, with two meals a day and a place to sleep in the shop.

The condition of women "seasonal workers," who do not have regular employment, was found to be much worse. Most seasonal workers were not permitted any rest days, and were paid less than 10 cents gold a day. Almost all of them were required to work for 11 hours or longer to earn this sum.

**Rug-Makers.**

The survey states that, aside from schools maintained by two cotton mills for the children of workers, and education classes maintained for boys in rug factories, there is no attempt whatever to provide education or recreation for workers, either men or women. Women who do home work, helping to make the Chinese rugs so popular in America or to make uniforms for the Chinese armies, do their work in filthy mud huts, swarming with pigs and children, and are able to earn only about seven or eight cents gold for a full day's work.

The Y.W.C.A., which has both foreign and Chinese support, is endeavouring to reach women and girl workers by providing recreation and education.—United Press.

"Across to Singapore" has been selected the title for Ramon Novarro's picture, hitherto known as "China Bound." The story is based on one by Ben Ames Williams.



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ROMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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Resplendent in White Hulls.

Now the Canadian National Steamships, Ltd., absorbing the various services run by the Canadian Government, have registered their funnel colours as being red, white and blue, and presumably they will follow something like the same arrangement. At the same time it appears to be the intention of the directors to brighten up their ships appreciably, even those running on the European services, while the new ships which Cammell Lairds are building for the subsidised services between Canada and the West Indies are to emerge resplendent in white hulls, says the "Journal of Commerce."

### MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Lahore" left Shanghai for this port on May 15 at noon with the Maile, and is due here to-morrow at about 5 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on May 14 at 2 p.m., and is due here on May 20 at about 5 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port yesterday noon, and is due here on May 21 at about 6 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benvenlich" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on May 23.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co. M.V. "Rankine" left Hamburg on April 14 and is due here on or about May 25.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Halsey, R.N.R.) is due here on May 28 at 8 a.m., and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on May 30 at noon.

The M/V "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on May 7, and is due here on or about June 15.

The M/V "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on May 13, and is due here on or about June 17.

### HOME NOTES.

NEW STEAMER FOR CLAN LINE.

PULVERISED FUEL.

The third of the new steamers being built for the Clan Line by the Greenock Dockyard Company will, unlike the other two, the first of which, a motorship, was launched in February, be steam propelled and will be fitted with triple expansion engines combined with a Bauer-Wach exhaust turbine giving a total i.h.p. of about 6,000. This system of utilising the last ounce of steam expansion is coming greatly into favour and, should the hopes entertained of the development of pulverised fuel be fulfilled, will greatly help the steam, coalburning marine engine in its rivalry with the Diesel engine.

Another system of propulsion that has already received considerable support in the United States and is now being seriously tried out in England, the turbo-electric drive, will also assist steam and pulverised fuel against the internal combustion engine.

It will be remembered that the Pacific liner "California," belonging to the Panama Pacific Company, has proved very satisfactory with this method of prime mover, which had before been tried only in the navy of the U.S. and her performance has decided the directors of the P. & O. to try this method for their new liner, the "Taj Mahal" which is now being built. This vessel, at 13 knots, is to have a guaranteed fuel consumption of 0.6-lb. of oil per s.h.p., the generating units being designed to run at maximum efficiency at 16½ knots, which, it is expected will be the ordinary sea speed of the vessel. High pressure and high superheat will be employed, the Yarrow watertube boilers, which will be fed solely with distilled water, working at a pressure of 350-lbs. It is significant that the boilers, which will normally use oil for generating steam, have been designed to permit of a change over to pulverised fuel if necessary.

The latest champion of pulverised fuel is the "Times" which points out that, in addition to the ease of handling, which will become quite as simple as pumping up oil, the development of this form of fuel with assist in restoring the pre-eminence of coal as fuel. It is further pointed out that, during the war, we often had difficulty in securing sufficient oil for the fleet and, had the Merchant Navy also been dependent on oil for steam raising and propulsion, it would certainly have been laid up for lack of fuel. We possess, on the other hand, abundant supplies of coal, and anything which tends to make us independent of other countries as regards fuel for our ships and to promote the utilisation of our own resources and the employment of our own men is to be welcomed and encouraged.

There has been shown at the Scala Theatre recently a specially prepared film of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha showing the route followed by the company's ships on the passage from England to Japan, with sketches of the life and incidents on board the steamers while at sea and in port. The sights at the chief ports of call were also shown and the principal beauty spots and cities of Japan. The film is a novel form of advertising which, it is hoped, will attract tourists to Japan in the company's ships.

The Hamburg Amerika Line announces that, with the completion of the building programme commenced last year, the line will have a fleet of more than one million tons, placing it again at the head of all German shipping concerns. Twenty ships, with a gross tonnage of 156,000 are being built, some of which have already been launched. Of these 18 will be motor ships. The year 1927 closed with a gross profit of 35,600,000 marks which, after deductions for interest, depreciation and other general charges, leaves a net profit of 11,600,000 marks, out of which a dividend of 8 per cent., as compared with 6 per cent. for the year before, will be paid.—"Shipping and Engineering."

Admiral Stoltz, Commander of the French naval forces in China, has left Hankow for Chungking on board the str. "Klangling" conveyed by the gunboat "Bany."

### EXONERATED.

MASTER REINSTATED IN COMMAND.

OUT-OF-DATE CHARTS.

As regards the stranding of the motor vessel "Koolinda" (owned by the State Shipping Service, Western Australia) on September 16 last in Sharks Bay, Western Australia, it will be remembered that the Marine Court, Fremantle, exonerated the master—who was a member of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, and was defended at the inquiry by that society on a charge of having navigated the vessel in a negligent manner. The evidence showed that the charts of the channel in which the ship went aground were out of date and the buoys three-quarters of a mile from the stated position.

### Local Captains' Views.

According to Press cuttings which the Guild has received from its member since, the view has been expressed by local captains that as soon as Denham channel was re-surveyed it would be possible for their ships to anchor at the usual place, three or four miles from Denham. The existing anchorage was twenty-five miles across the bay, and not only had this alteration affected the fishing industry but considerable inconvenience was being caused to women and children who, in order to join vessels proceeding north or south, were obliged to cross the bay often under very bad weather conditions. In some cases they were obliged to spend the night on a lighter.

### A "Big" Case.

The "Government Gazette" contains two notices under the signature of the Chief Harbour-master regarding Denham channel, where the State vessel "Koolinda" grounded. The first notice is to the effect that No. 3 light buoy in Denham channel, Sharks Bay, had been reported to have drifted to the position approximately one mile north from its charted position. The buoy was to be replaced as early as possible. Secondly, the harbour-master announces that the anchorage buoy had broken adrift. This also was to be replaced in position with as little delay as possible. The captain was defended on both occasions by the Guild, firstly at the Court of Inquiry, and secondly at the Marine Court, whose decision is referred to above. The case was a big one, and aroused considerable interest and comment in Australia. The Guild is pleased to learn from their member that he has now been reinstated in command of the motor vessel "Kangaroo," also owned by the State Shipping Service.

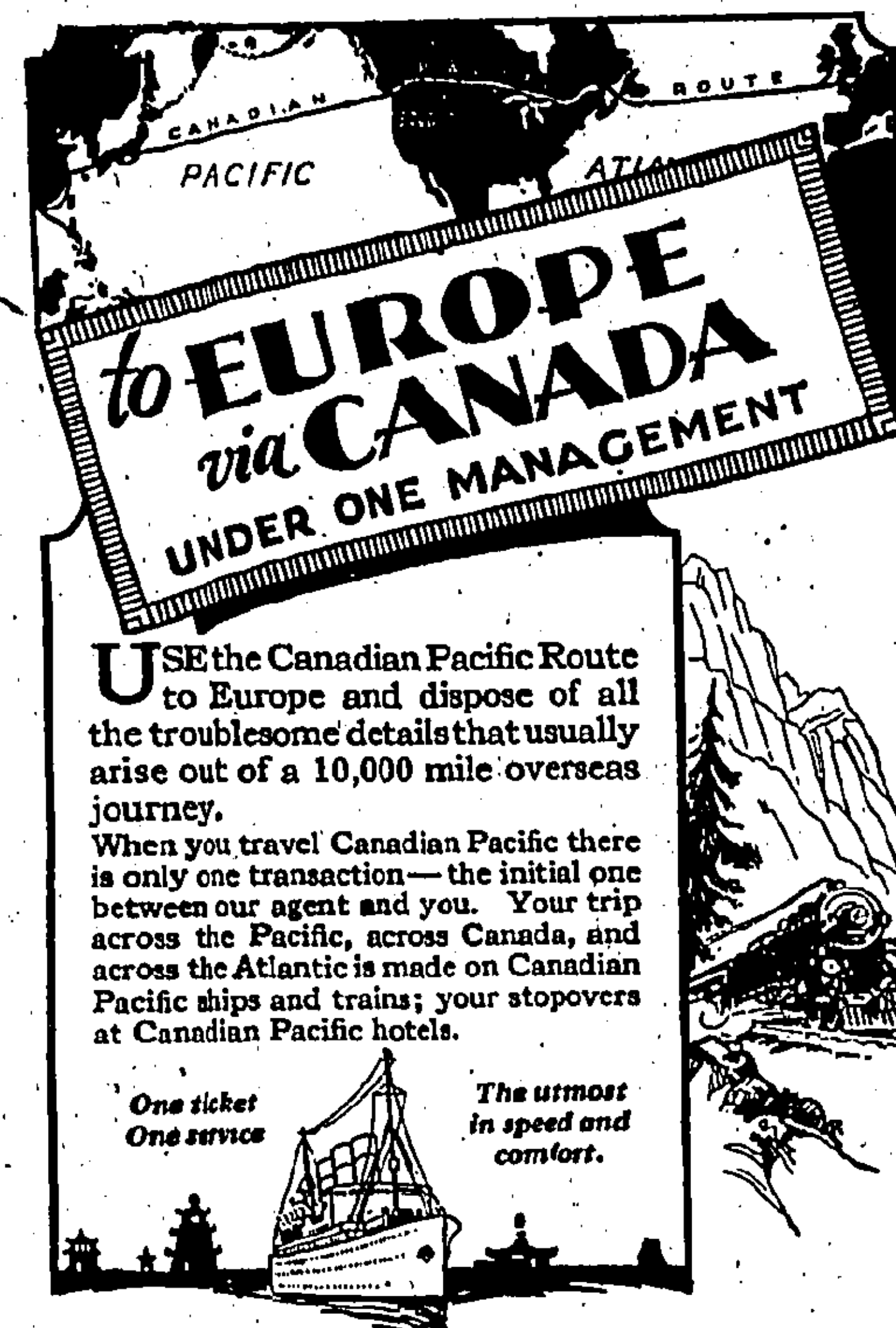
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| MALWA      | 10,986 | 26th May                  | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                               |
| ALPORA     | 5,273  | 31st May                  | Strait, Colombo & Bombay.                                  |
| JEYPORE    | 5,318  | 2nd June                  | M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg                       |
| DELTA      | 8,097  | 5th June                  | Bombay, Marseilles, L'don & A'werp                         |
| MIRZAPORE  | 6,715  | 10th June                 | Strait & Bombay.                                           |
| HANPURA    | 16,631 | 23rd June                 | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                               |
| NOVARA     | 6,989  | 30th June                 | Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hull,<br>Rotterdam & Hamburg. |
| KHYBER     | 9,114  | 7th July                  | Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.                        |
| RAWALPINDI | 16,619 | 21st July                 | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                               |
| ANAKIN     | 7,058  | 28th July                 | M'les, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'burg                       |
| KASHMIR    | 8,385  | 4th Aug.                  | Marseilles, London & Antwerp.                              |
| RAJPUTANA  | 16,568 | 18th Aug.                 | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                               |
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| RAMPURA    | 10,660 | 25th May  | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.         |
| TILAWA     | 10,006 | 2nd June  | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.            |
| *NANKIN    | 7,058  | 5th June  | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.         |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,600  | 5th June  | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.         |
| TAKADA     | 8,349  | 7th June  | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.            |
| KHYBER     | 9,114  | 8th June  | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.         |
| TALANDA    | 8,018  | 17th June | Shanghai, Tsingtau, Kobe & Yokohama. |
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gards the rank and file, at any  
rate—during the last 30 or 40  
years. Even within the last  
twenty years we made a voyage  
across the North Atlantic in a  
passenger liner the first-class ac-  
commodation of which was in-  
ferior to that of the third-class of  
many liners of to-day. True, she  
was a very beautiful thing to look  
upon from the shore, with her  
clipper bow and graceful lines,  
but she was rapidly nearing the  
end of her days, and has, of  
course, long since passed into the  
hands of the shipbreakers. And  
if this was the case with the pas-  
sengers, what was there, to be  
said of the accommodation pro-  
vided for the crew? Writers of  
sea stories now living have told  
us something of the dark, ill-  
ventilated and cramped quarters  
with which the seamen of their  
younger days were obliged to  
feign contentment. Since then  
very great strides have been  
made in all respects. Fifty years  
ago two-thirds of the tonnage of  
the world's mercantile marine  
consisted of sailing-ships, and it  
needs but little effort to imagine  
the discomforts inseparable from  
a voyage in a windjammer which  
were borne by those whose lot it  
was to man them. Perhaps it  
was "running the Easting down,"  
with a following sea sweeping the  
decks and flooding the fore-castle;  
or fighting to round the Horn in the bitter  
cold of an Antarctic July. As  
Kipling puts it:

"Hail, snow an' ice that praise  
the Lord; I've met them at  
their work,  
An' wished we had another  
route or they another kirk."  
Or even worse, crossing the  
Atlantic in an old wooden ship,  
timber-laden from the Gulf of  
Mexico, leaking like a basket and  
floating on her cargo. Those who  
survived were men indeed, but it  
was a heavy price to pay, and one  
can be glad that such tests of en-  
durance are no longer demanded.  
Twenty-five years ago four-  
fifths of the tonnage of the world  
consisted of steamships, while  
now steam in its turn is fast giv-  
ing way to the motor.  
A motor-ship may or may not  
be a better vessel to sail in than  
a steamship from the crew's point  
of view, but size is an important  
factor where comfort is concern-  
ed, and the average dimensions of  
vessels have been practically  
doubled in the last 30 or 40 years.  
In 1897 the average gross ton-  
nage of merchant vessels, launched  
of 100 tons gross and upwards  
was 1,612. In 1907 the figure had  
risen exactly 300 tons to 1,912,  
while in 1917 the average jumped  
to 4,666 tons, due probably to war  
circumstances which would not  
operate in normal times. For  
1927 the figure was 3,304 tons,  
which showed a gradual but  
steady yearly rise from the 2,908  
tons which was the mean for  
1923. With this development in  
the average size of vessels launch-  
ed it may safely be said that the  
designers of them—whether they  
be passenger, or cargo boats—  
have not regarded the matter of  
crew accommodation as of little  
or no importance, and the quar-  
ters allotted for this purpose are  
far in advance of what was ob-  
tainable a generation ago, though,  
as we showed in a recent issue,  
there is still room for improve-  
ment. Closely associated with the  
question of housing and sleeping  
is the matter of food, and here  
again conditions have been great-  
ly ameliorated during the pre-  
sent generation. The days seem  
far off when a versifier in a Lon-  
don daily newspaper was moved  
to describe the woes of the Brit-  
ish sailor, and included among  
them the fact of his being  
served out, as part of his daily  
rations, with:

"Game old Government tack,  
High old Government tack,  
That has fought the Boer  
and the Black,  
And, by devious ways,  
Now ends his days  
In the belly of Merchant  
Jack."  
Yet the words themselves show  
that this was written within the  
last 25 years. The state of things  
was, no doubt, somewhat "exag-  
gerated" but weevil biscuits were  
a stock complaint; "harness-  
cask" and "halt horse" were com-  
mon expressions when referring to  
the salt beef or pickled pork  
which many of us have, after all,

eaten with enjoyment. The sobri-  
quet of the "doctor" given to the  
ship's cook probably dates back to  
much earlier days, since it was  
doubtless applied to him on ac-  
count of the fact that it was his  
function to disguise, or "doctor,"  
the food available so that it  
might reach the men in a more or  
less palatable form. Little com-  
plaint, however, can be found  
with the quality or the scale of  
rations served out aboard ship  
to-day. In this respect, the sys-  
tem of refrigerations has helped  
considerably, and even aboard  
ships which have no such installa-  
tion, the art of canning and bot-  
tling has been brought to such a  
degree of perfection, and is em-  
ployed nowadays to embrace so  
wide a field, that a variety of  
food is possible, even in the ver-  
iest tramp, which was undreamed  
of a generation ago.

Another direction in which a  
remarkable change has taken  
place affecting the welfare of seafar-  
ing men is in the matter of  
safety at sea. In the first place,  
construction in relation to the  
character of the cargoes carried  
has profited by lessons which ex-  
perience has taught. Little more  
than 30 years ago a class of vessel  
was in use for carrying coal  
cargoes out and bulk grain home,  
which events proved was quite  
unsuited for the latter cargo in  
particular. It was of the two-  
deck type with a depth about two-  
thirds of the breadth, and if once  
the cargo shifted during a gale  
the chances of the ship recover-  
ing herself were slight indeed,  
and the number of steamers of  
this sort which went a-missing on  
the homeward voyage from the  
Black Sea pointed the moral.  
Heavy toll was also levied on  
grain-carrying steamers from the  
Atlantic seaboard, until a shallower  
and beamier type of vessel  
came into vogue, and the older  
ones were got rid of. The Safety  
Conference of 1914, which dealt  
with subdivision, boats and life-  
saving appliances, collection regu-  
lations and wireless telegraphy,  
contributed largely to the increas-  
ed safety at sea, and there is no  
doubt that the general use of  
wireless on shipboards has done  
more towards the saving of life  
than any other one factor in re-  
cent years. Substantial progress  
has also been made in the use of  
direction-finders, reports of  
practical experience in various  
trades proving the value of  
the instrument. Wireless beacons for  
use with the direction-finder are  
now in operation in many coun-  
tries, and arrangements are being  
made to increase the number so  
as to provide shipping with wire-  
less means of making the chief  
landfalls. In 1890 the number of  
British ships totally lost was 407;  
ten years later this figure had  
fallen to 226, and in the next ten  
years to 171. In 1920 it was  
still further reduced to 134,  
while in 1926—the last year for  
which the figures are available—the  
number reported was 80, or  
barely 20 per cent. of what it was  
37 years ago. It is gratifying to  
know that in the last seven years  
the loss of only one British steam-  
ship was attributable to over-  
loading or bad stowage, and that  
case was taken up and the person  
responsible dealt with by the  
law. Finally, the lot of the seafar-  
er, whether deck, or engine-  
room hand, cook or steward, has  
been much improved within the  
last 15 years. Instead of the £4  
a month which was the regular  
pay of an A.B. before the war, the  
scale, operative since August,  
1925, is £9, a boatswain now get-  
ting £10 10s. as against £5 for-  
merly. Similarly, firemen, trim-  
mers, carpenters, etc., can all  
claim a scale of pay practically  
100 per cent. more than they were  
paid in the early part of the pre-  
sent century, while rates of pay to  
the catering department staff  
have undergone a similar revision.  
For this improved state of things,  
there is no doubt that seamen owe  
a debt to the wise conduct of their  
union, the leading spirits of which  
came to see at last that there was  
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tion than all the strikes that had  
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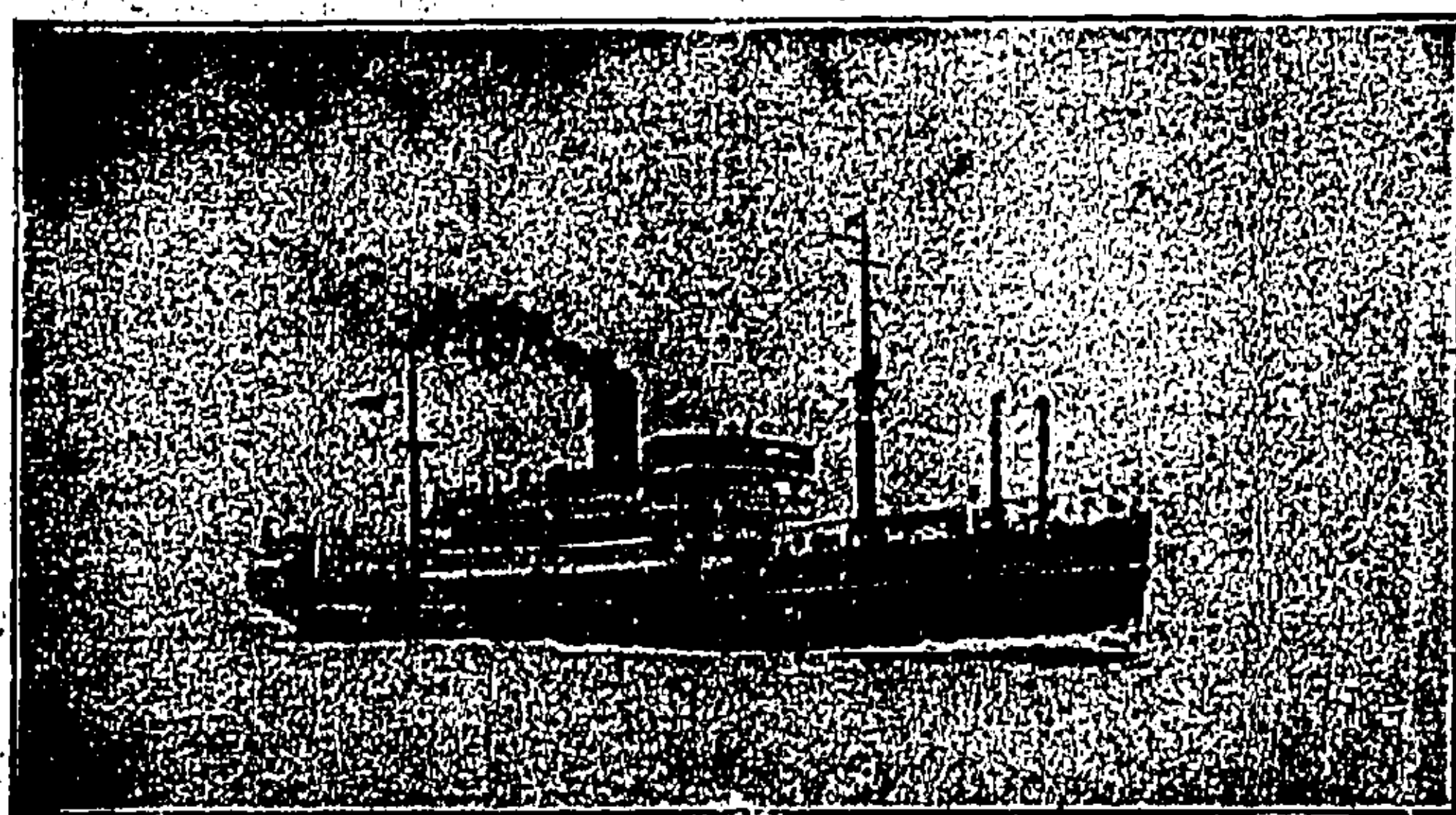
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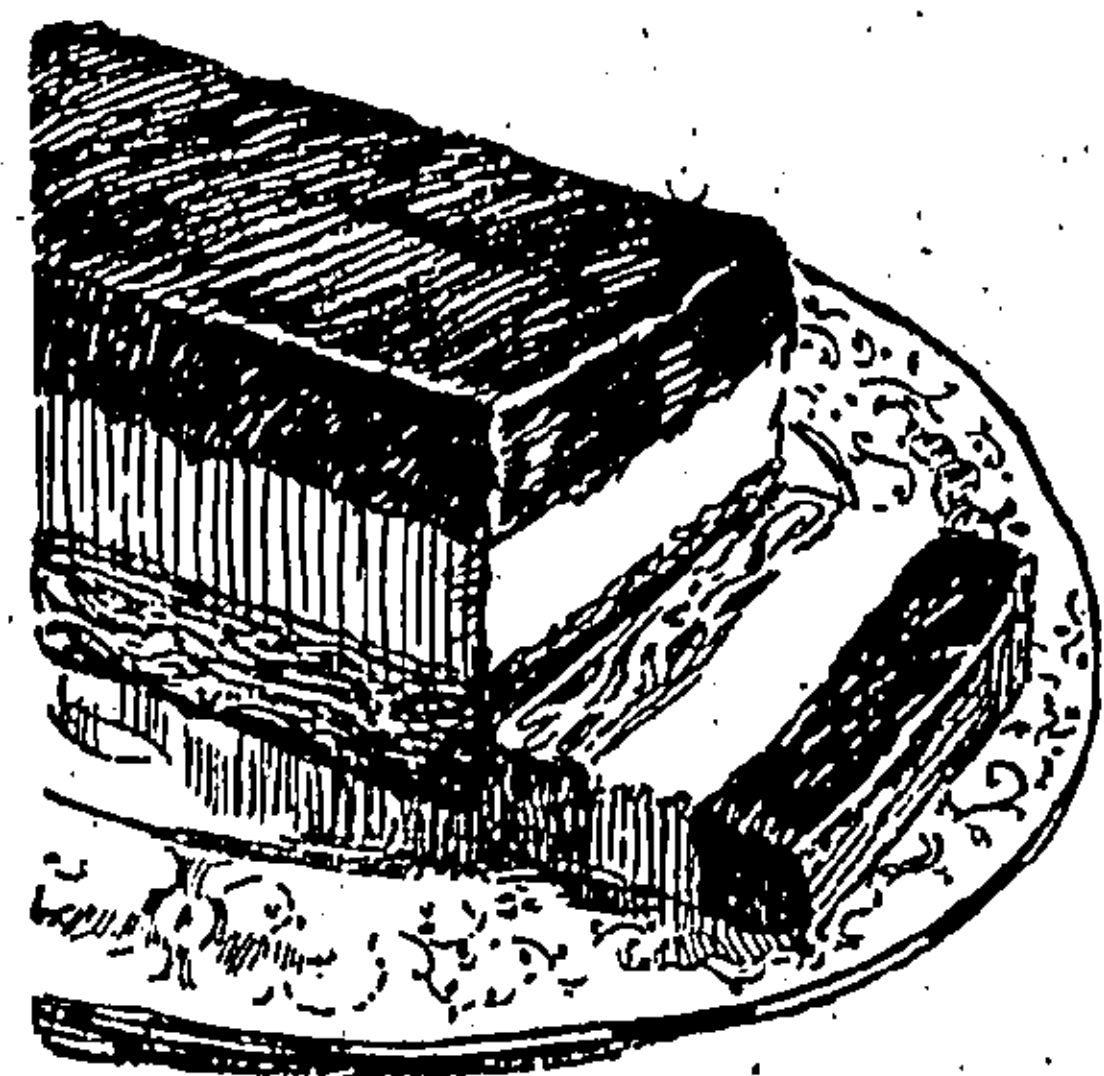
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### WHERE WILL IT END?

At the time of writing, there is no official confirmation that the Nationalist Government of China or its accepted head, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, has accepted the four terms laid down by the Japanese Government for the settlement of the Tsinan incident. Whether Nanking bows its head to the inevitable is not so much the question of the moment as what is going to happen now. Having studiously paved the way to asserting her privilege to protect her interests in Shantung province, Japan has gone a step further. She has decided that "the utmost must be done to prevent disturbances spreading into Manchuria." It was reported yesterday that the Cabinet was considering steps to close Shantung to Chinese troops of any faction. If Japan does take it upon herself to guard the road through the Great Wall, it will not be her first venture into Manchuria.

Only a few years ago, General Kuo Sung-ling rebelled against Marshal Chang Tso-lin. The latter was sorely pressed but his subordinate was defeated and executed. During that campaign, the Japanese authorities forbade Chinese troops to approach within six miles on either side of the South Manchuria Railway which runs from Dairen up to Mukden. The railway zone itself is less than a hundred feet wide but Japan's word was nevertheless respected. We are not quoting this episode in Chinese history with the object of accusing Japan of partisanship. The purport here is to show that if Japan thinks it worth while to use force in the face of internal and external opposition—to ensure her

position in Manchuria, she is fully capable of doing so. And most people know that Manchuria means more to Japan than Shantung, intrinsically and politically.

Tientsin and Peking are much nearer the zone of hostilities. In spite of statements in the House of Commons and reports that fighting has broken out at Machang, 30 miles south of Tientsin, we still think that undue anxiety as to the outlook for foreigners is unwarranted. Nanking may not have been a lesson to the undisciplined hordes in the Nationalist Army. Tsinan has, in every respect of the word. Then, again, the Powers had to act a few years ago when fighting occurred too near Tientsin to be safe. A neutral zone was declared. The war took its natural course. Peking changed hands and there were no attacks on non-Chinese. If Chang Tso-lin is collecting his men together to leave Peking, the occasion for war disappears. If he counter-attacks, as one Peking report via Tokyo says he may, the general circumstances of the situation should keep the belligerents out of Tientsin and the Legation Quarter in Peking.

Sir Edmund Gosse.

The death of Sir Edmund Gosse, which we recorded in yesterday's issue, removes not only one of the most distinguished literary men of our day, but one of the few of the remaining famous literateurs of the Victorian epoch. Sir Edmund was born in 1849 and his first publication was in 1873; and from then at regular intervals he had published many volumes of prose and verse, all of which, individually as well as collectively, stamped him unmistakably as a literary artist of first-rate ability. He was essentially a literary man—a lover of a reader of and a writer of books. Few men have ever equalled his single-minded devotion in this respect, and fewer have so consistently maintained so high a standard of excellence in poetry and in prose and so much sound sanity in criticism. Sir Edmund Gosse may not at any time have surpassed the extraordinary versatility of, say, Andrew Lang; he may not have been a poet of such exquisite felicity as, say, Austin Dobson, but in the realms of poetry, prose and criticism he was quite their equal at their best. There is indeed a remarkable resemblance, as revealed by their actual work, between these three great literary Victorians, and he would indeed be bold who dared to say who really was the greatest. All of them were fully recognised as among England's foremost literary figures of their time; and all of them have now passed into the shadow of the Unknown. Only one of Sir Edmund's books has we refer to here, namely, his truly extraordinary volume, entitled "Father and Son," published

twenty-one years ago anonymously. It created a tremendous sensation in literary circles, not in England only, as it was from the first recognised that it was the work of a master-mind. It had the distinction of being "crowned" for its special graces by the French Academy, and long before the secret leaked out it was believed in many literary circles to have emanated from the pen of Sir Edmund Gosse and no other. "Father and Son" is a revelation, poignant and supreme.

### A. MONTALTO DE JESUS.

The following letter to the Editor of the "North-China Daily News" recently appeared in the columns of that publication:

Sir,—I wish to make a protest against the disgraceful treatment of Mr. A. Montalto de Jesus, author of the book "Historic Macao." According to the reports published in Shanghai, the author had made certain statements in the book which were in contravention of the "Press Law" and was prosecuted by the Portuguese authorities, fined \$400 and costs with an alternative of 40 days' imprisonment, and all the edition was confiscated. What these condemned statements were is not stated in the report, but the public would like to have this information. In his fine speech in defence Mr. Montalto de Jesus said "The criticism impartially made by me, though stern, is justifiable and well-meant." As a historian Mr. Montalto de Jesus has endeavoured to give his candid opinion as is expected in such cases. The historian who would "white-wash" unpleasant truths would render his work valueless. Hypocrisy in a historian would be execrable. The fact that Mr. Montalto de Jesus has been prosecuted for freely expressing what he considers the truth about Macao raises him in the estimation of the public. He has become the martyr of Macao, and we cannot but admire his great moral courage.

In his defence he stated, "But such is the irony of fate that for having bequeathed to Macao her true history, which has cost me so many sacrifices, still I incur the penalty of civic death decreed by certain autocrats besides finding myself abandoned and destitute in my old age." At last I found it necessary to intern myself at the Asylum of the Little Sisters in Kowloon and was sheltered by charity among Chinese old men. Some who knew me were shocked to find the historian of Macao herded with poor decrepit coolies.

One cannot but admire the bravery of the man who left his place of refuge and went to Macao to face the censors who thus take their place by the side of the Tsars and Bolsheviks of Russia. Freedom of thought is essential to intellectual progress, and for the best interests of Portugal it is essential that this horrible prosecution should be condemned by the public in general.

Can you, however, publish full details of the prosecution as I am sure your readers would like to have the full facts? Mr. Montalto de Jesus is well known in Shanghai, and in fact he also wrote a short history of Shanghai which is still on sale in the book stores. He lived here for a number of years and is held in high esteem by all those who knew him.

I am, etc.,

J. A. JACKSON.

Shanghai, May 9, 1928.

### OFFERED 85 CENTS.

#### ATTEMPT TO BRIBE POLICEMAN.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy with having kept a gambling house at No. 164, Des Voeux-road West, and possession of five people lottery tickets.

He admitted the charges and was fined a total of \$70, or, in default, eight weeks' hard labour.

A woman who found on the premises perforating clippings from sheets of lottery accounts, was fined \$25 or 14 days' jail.

Found on the premises, at the same time was a second man who the police admitted was not doing anything when they entered the place.

He was discharged. Mr. Lindell saying that his mere presence in the house did not justify the "keeping" charge against him.

### "THE BREMEN."

BEFORE THE AEROPLANE  
LEFT IRELAND.

#### GERMAN AVIATORS POPULAR

The German aviators had made themselves extremely popular during their long wait at Baldonnel. With true German thoroughness they waited day after day for the right moment, and the right weather, before commencing their adventurous trip.

Baron Von Huenefeld was a picturesque and striking figure. Of a jovial disposition, he was nearly always smiling, and he wore a monocle, even when in his flying kit. The "Bremen" is his personal property, and the flight is purely a private one. It is not backed by the Lufthansa, the German commercial air line, or by any Government department, narrates the "Cork Times."

Captain Koehl is an expert at night flying, and is an experienced aviator, whose flights in fog and in the night have brought him fame. He is 40 years of age, and was the pilot of the "Bremen" when it started to cross the Atlantic last year and was compelled to return to Germany by bad weather. Captain Koehl was in charge of German bombing squadron during the war, and Herr Splindler, the reserve pilot, who gave up his place to Commandant Fitzmaurice, was a member of the same squadron.

#### Commandant Fitzmaurice.

Commandant Fitzmaurice has taken part in the flight with the sanction of the Irish Army Authorities who have granted leave for the purpose. He is a pilot with 12 years' experience, during which he has piloted many different types of machines. He is only 29 years of age, and was born in Dublin though connected with a West Cork family.

In 1914 he joined the cadet company of the 7th Leinsters, but being under age was sent home. Three months later he made another attempt, joined the 7th Lancers, and was sent to France with his regiment early in 1915. In May, 1916, he was wounded, and in July was transferred to the infantry. He went through the Somme and Arras with the West Surrey's, and later obtained a commission in the 8th (Irish) Liverpool Regiment. He was wounded again, and subsequently secured a transfer to the Royal Air Force. For two years he served in the R.A.F., part of the time with the army of occupation in the German territory. During this latter period he was selected for the first mail flight between Folkestone and Boulogne.

In 1921 he resigned his commission and early in 1922 he joined the Free State Army Air Corps, and was placed in command of the aerodrome at Formov. In 1924 he was transferred to Baldonnel as chief instructional officer and second in command. In October, 1926, he was promoted acting O.C. in succession to Colonel Charles Russell. In September of last year he was gazetted commandant. He is married and has one child.

### KIDNAPPED BABY.

TWELVE YEAR OLD MYSTERY  
SOLVED.

#### NOW MOTHER OF 5 CHILDREN.

A Spanish girl, Julia Martinez, has been discovered near Rabat, who was carried off by the Moors over twelve years ago.

She was 32 months old when she was abducted in 1915 by the native servant of her parents. Now at the age of 15 she is married and the mother of five children, writes a Paris correspondent to the "Morning Post."

The girl's parents ruined themselves in attempting to find their child. The mother died of grief, while the father had to take subordinate employment in an office. The servant was suspected and put in prison, where he died without making a confession.

In 1923 a Spanish labourer married in Arab style a ten-year-old girl, Aicha Aler, paying the parents one thousand francs. He learned later that the girl was in reality a European, stolen for vengeance by a native servant. He informed the authorities, who felt that it might be Julia Martinez. The father was found and the girl recognised. She remembered nothing of her former European existence, and considered herself to be a Moor.

#### PICKED POCKET.

For picking the pocket of a compatriot in town yesterday and stealing a purse containing \$14 in money, a Chinese was this morning sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindell to three months' hard labour.

### P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Peppery Colonel (to partner on golf course): "What is the present-day girl coming to? Imagine her parents allowing her to appear in public in plus fours and Eton crop! Attempting to copy our dress. Bah!"

Partner: "That, sir, is my daughter."

Peppery Colonel: "Sorry, I did not know you were her father."

Partner: "I'm not. I'm her mother."

A Timid Man who wanted to propose to his girl but never dared, finally took her to his family plot in the cemetery and said, "Wouldn't you like to be buried here some day?"

"I say, waiter, here's half a crown," said Jones.

"Thank you, sir. I suppose you want me to reserve a table for you?"

"No, I don't. I shall come in here in about ten minutes' time with two ladies, and I want you to tell me that all the tables are engaged."

Jones was at a dinner party. He was shy and nervous, and could never summon up courage to speak because of his inability to say anything neat.

"What a small appetite you have, Mr. Jones," said his hostess, with a smile.

"To sit next to you," he replied, gallantly, "would cause any man to lose his appetite."

First Labourer: "Poor 'ole Bill 'e's so short-sighted 'e's working 'imself to death."

Second Ditto: "What is 'short sight' got to do with it?"

"Well, 'e can't see when the foreman ain't looking, so 'e 'as to keep on shovelling all the time."

Mother (frightened): "Oh, Henry, there's a big spider on the ceiling."

Father (busy reading): "All right; put your foot on it and don't bother me!"

First Tramp: "Yer was a talkin' in yer sleep, Bob; 'offerin' fer water yer was."

Second Tramp: "Water? Good! 'eavens! Yer didn't give me none, did yer?"

My Dear, remarked Jones, who had just finished reading a book on "The Wonders of Nature," "this really is a remarkable work. Nature is marvellous! Stupendous! When I read a book like this it makes me think how puny, how insignificant is man."

"Huh!" sniffed his better half. "A woman doesn't have to wade through four hundred pages to discover that!"

Hotel Porter (expecting tip): "Hope you'll have a comfortable journey, sir."

Scott: "Verra sorry, laddie, but I've g'en ma sma' change to the chambermaid."

Hotel Porter: "She told me you didn't give her anything."

Scott: "A-weel, if I did na' gie yon bonnie lassie anything, what sort of chance d'ye think you've got?"

A few minutes after an alarm of fire was given in an hotel one of the guests joined the group watching the fire and chaffed them on their apparent excitement.

"There was nothing to be excited about," he said. "I took my time about dressing, lighted a cigarette, didn't like the knot in my necktie, so tied it over again. That's how cool I was."

"Fine," one of his friends remarked, "but why didn't you put on your trousers?"

"And did your poor husband suffer very long?"

"Ever since the day he met me."

### TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. Answers are given on page nine.

1. Who was Midas.
2. At what place in Manchuria did the Japanese defeat the Russians in 1905.
3. Who is the present Archbishop of Canterbury.
4. And what is his stipend or salary.
5. What does "K.G." after a man's name signify.
6. How many times has Sir E. Holderness won the British Open Golf championship.



## PEAK THEFTS.

## PRISONER BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

## BIG SERIES OF THEFTS.

Last Tuesday a Chinese named Yeng Yuen-man, was remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on seven charges of larceny of various articles from Peak residences, which included those of Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Blaker.

This morning the accused who had already admitted the charges, made another appearance before the Magistrate. Chief Detective Inspector Murphy preferred three further charges making ten in all. The new charges were:—

(1) theft at No. 4 Peak-road of a platinum and diamond lady's wrist watch, on December 17, last.

(2) theft at No. 2 Peak-road of a jade bowl on April 14 last; and

(3) theft at the Sisters' Quarters, Victoria Hospital, of a raincoat and a pair of jade ear-rings on March 31 last.

The accused admitted these charges also.

The Magistrate said that three of the earlier charges, being alternative counts, would naturally lapse in view of the fact that the accused had admitted all the larcenies alleged against him.

The C.D.I. agreed, and those charges were accordingly dropped, leaving seven larceny charges for his Worship's consideration.

In passing sentence of seven weeks' hard labour on each of the seven counts—49 weeks' altogether—Mr. Lindsell remarked that that was as near as he could get to one year.

At the previous hearing of the case, the C.D.I. in reply to his Worship's question as to how the accused gained admittance to the various houses, said the man, who was well dressed in European clothing, "just walked coolly in" and committed the thefts.

## Pawnd Articles.

After the accused had been sentenced this morning, the C.D.I. asked the Magistrate to exercise his power under the Pawnbrokers' Ordinance in respect of certain of the articles in Court, which included two silver travelling clocks, two wrist watches, and a pair of jade ear-rings.

The first article mentioned by the C.D.I. was the platinum and diamond wrist watch stolen from No. 4, Peak-road. This the Inspector said was worth \$160, and was pawned by the accused for \$20 at the Sang Yuen Pawnshop, No. 7, Graham-street. The Inspector asked for the return of the watch to the owner without payment.

The pawnbroker concerned said that he gave \$20 for the watch because that was all that the accused had asked for it. He did not suspect the accused because he was well dressed in European clothes when he pawned the watch.

The Magistrate said that the pawnbroker should have suspected the accused, and ordered the return of the watch without payment of principle or interest.

Reference was then made to a jade bowl stolen from Mr. Seth's residence, No. 2, Peak-road.

The C.D.I. said that the bowl was part of a set and was worth \$100. It was pawned at the Tung Hung Pawnshop, No. 62, Praya East for \$7.

Mr. Lindsell decided that the value of the bowl was not obvious on the face of it, and directed that Mr. Seth could redeem it by the payment of principle only.

His Worship told Mr. Seth that if he wished he could sue the pawnbroker at the Summary Court, where the latter would have to consent to judgment, and then he could get his bowl back without any payment. On the other hand Mr. Seth could get back his property now, on payment of \$7.

## "The Quickest Way."

Mr. Seth said that he preferred to get it back the quickest way.

The raincoat stolen from the Victoria Hospital was worth \$10 and pawned for \$2 at the Tai Tak Pawnshop of No. 46, Canton-road, Kowloon.

Mr. Lindsell said that there was nothing very suspicious in the accused pawning a raincoat, and directed that it be redeemed by the owner if desired.

The jade ear-rings, also stolen from the Victoria Hospital, were worth \$35 and pawned for \$2.50 at the Yau Sang Pawnshop, No. 2, Canton-road, Kowloon.

The pawnbroker said that his own valuation of the ear-rings was only \$3.

The Magistrate ordered the return of the property to the owner without payment of principle or interest.

## Travelling Clocks.

Asked by the Magistrate as to the two travelling clocks with monograms on them, the C.D.I. said that the accused was arrested in Mrs. Parker's house with one of them in his possession, so that it never really left the possession of Mrs. Parker, while the other was redeemed by Mrs. Blaker immedi-

## SAD ACCIDENT.

## SMALL GIRL KNOCKED DOWN BY TRAM CAR.

## THE INQUEST.

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Willson held an inquest on a 10-year-old Chinese girl, who met her death on May 1 as the result of being knocked down by a tram-car in Praya East.

The accident occurred at 2.45 p.m., and the girl died at the Government Civil Hospital an hour later. According to Dr. J. R. Craig, death was due to a fractured skull, and shock and haemorrhage.

Evidence of the accident was given by the motorman of tram-car No. 26, who said that as he passed another tram near the Bowrington canal, the girl suddenly appeared from behind the other car and crossed the rails in front of the witness car. There was hardly time to stop the tram, although he did all he could by applying the emergency brake. The girl was struck by the left side of the front of the car and fell a foot clear of the tram tracks and, as far as witness could see, was injured in the face.

Asked if he had sounded his gong, the motorman said that it was the invariable practice for the gong to be sounded when one tram was passing another.

After other evidence from eye-witnesses, the Coroner's jury returned a verdict of "death by misadventure," no blame being attached to the driver of the tram-car.

## BLACK ATHLETES.

## HAS THE RACE A FUTURE?

[By F. A. M. Webster.]

Is the Negro to be the athlete of the future? One is almost tempted to answer "Yes."

Thirty-four years ago that great all-round sportsman C. B. Fry created a world's long jump record of 23ft. 6½in. Between 1901 and 1912 the Irishman P. J. O'Connor and an American, A. L. Guttererson, failed only by a fraction of an inch to reach 25ft.

Since 1921 three American Negroes and an Haitian native have beaten 25ft., but only one white man, Robert Legendre, of the 1924 American Olympic team, has achieved such a feat. And recently de Hart Hubbard, a diminutive American Negro, who is thirty-four years of age, accomplished the incredible long jump of 26ft. 2in. Hubbard is also a first-class hurdler and capable of beating 10 seconds for 100 yards on the flat.

Two of the best sprinters England has ever had are H. F. V. Edwards, of the West Indies, and J. E. London, of British Guiana. The latter is also an exceptionally fine high jumper.

In Africa I have seen barefooted natives run at such a speed and jump to such a height and distance that I hesitate to give even approximate figures; and I have seen many of the Central African tribes run amazingly long distances without showing the slightest distress.

A championship meeting open to Africans or African-born white men is to be held two years hence, and I think there will be some surprises. Meantime the African as an athlete is only just beginning to develop.

America has made full use of her coloured talent, but the only coloured man I ever remember seeing at an Olympiad as a representative of England was H. F. Edwards at Antwerp.

Despite the extraordinary ability of the Scandinavian javelin throwers, I can well imagine that we might produce some Zulu, trained under the eye of the tribal spear-master, who would make even the present record of 218ft. 7¼in. of H. Lindstrom, of Sweden, look quite insignificant.

After it was recovered by the police from the pawnshop. It was worth \$45 and pawned for \$7.

At the clock had already been redeemed before the accused's arrest, and in view of the fact that the pawnbroker had given Sergeant Pitches every assistance, the police did not propose to take any action in this case.

A Request. Mr. Seth asked the Magistrate if he would inquire from the accused if he had at any time been staying in the servants' quarters of his (Mr. Seth's) house.

Mr. Lindsell suggested that Mr. Seth make the application to the C.D.I. and see if the latter could induce the accused to give the information. It was a matter which did not concern the Court, Mr. Lindsell added.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.

## TO-MORROW'S FIRING.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

The Corps will take part in this parade at Happy Valley at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 4 as for last year. The Corps will fall in on the Football Ground at 8.15 a.m. Full details will be issued later.

Owing to Thursday, May 31, being considered as an unsuitable date for a King's birthday rehearsal parade the date has now been changed to:—

Wednesday, May 30.

Fall in at 5.45 p.m.

Nos. 1 and 2 Companies:—The Battery, Engineer Company, Corps Signals, Infantry Company, Reserve Company.

No. 3 Company:—Scottish.

No. 4 Company:—Portuguese.

Dress: Multi, drill order. All leather belts must be exchanged for web.

Store will be open from 5 p.m. on date for this purpose.

Officers for Colours: Lieut. M. H. Noll and 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

After the parade dismisses there will be a beef steak and kidney pudding supper in the drill hall. Tickets \$1 each which must be obtained through O.C. units before 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 1928.

## Musketry.

Sunday, May 20, 1928.

All ranks of the M.I. and A.C. Companies who have not yet fired Part I. Table "T" will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, May 20.

Range Officer: Lieut. H. C. Macnamara.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 19, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Casuals.

Musketry Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, May 27, 1928. All those who have not yet fired are requested to do so. This is the last opportunity for members to fire.

The following officers not having fired Part I. will act as range officers:—Lieut. J. Norrie-Owen, 2/Lieut. A. Mackenzie, 2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.

## Holidays.

Thursday, May 24, and Monday, May 28, 1928, will be observed as holidays, no parades will be held on those dates.

## The Battery.

Lecture on Theory. This will be given at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday at 6 p.m. This is a voluntary parade.

## Mounted Infantry.

Parade at Stables on Tuesday, May 22, at 5.45 p.m. Plain clothes.

## Armoured Car Co.

All ranks will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, for the purpose of exchanging leather equipment for webbing.

## Infantry Company.

Recruits will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C. Dress: Multi, belt and sidearms.

Musketry Part I. All those who have not yet fired are reminded that the last opportunity is on Sunday, May 27, at Stonecutters with Casuals.

## Corps Band.

All ranks will parade as strong as possible at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22.

## Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on May 16, 1928, and posted to Armoured Car Company (Motor Cycle Section):—No. 1317 Pte. S. C. Banks.

## Reversion.

No. 64 Sergt. F. Cullen, A.C. Company, reverts to the ranks at his own request, as from May 15, 1928.

## Transfers.

No. 868 Pte. A. Nissim is transferred from the M.I. Company to the Armoured Car Company, as from December 1, 1927.

No. 64 Pte. F. Cullen is transferred from A.C. Company to the Reserve Company, A.C. Section, as from May 15, 1928.

No. 1090 Pte. C. H. Eldridge is transferred from A.C. Company to the Reserve Company, as from May 15, 1928.

No. 1023 Pte. E. E. Remedios is transferred from the Medical Section to Corps Band, as from May 1, 1928.

## Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—2/Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes, from May 22 to June 6, 1928.

No. 1185 Sergt. A. W. Hayward, No. 1 Platoon, from May 22 to June 5, 1928.

No. 1026 1/Cpl. S. Jex, No. 2

## THOSE TERMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## At A Moment's Notice.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Taking into consideration yesterday's Cabinet decision, comments in official quarters and Press reports, there is every indication that Japan is prepared to act at a moment's notice to prevent the disturbances spreading to Manchuria. It is understood the Government contemplates despatching troops from Korea if necessary, and is considering issuing a statement to the Powers fully explaining the circumstances.—Reuter.

## Uneasiness Increasing.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

In view of the increasing uneasiness in Peking and Tientsin instructions have been issued to the 3rd Nagoya division to divert a regiment of infantry and a battery of artillery from Tsingtao to Tientsin.

An air squadron has been ordered from Japan to Tientsin for the protection of Japanese residents.

At the same time, owing to the fear of the disturbances spreading to Manchuria, an infantry brigade which was sent on May 14 to Shantung from Dairen has been ordered to return to Dairen. Thus the force available for Shantung has been reduced by about 5,500 men.—Reuter.

## Japanese to Leave Peking.

Peking, Yesterday.

It is announced officially that at least 3,000 Japanese troops are going to Tientsin, of which probably 1,000 will go on to Peking, bringing up the Japanese force at Peking to 1,500. A special train leaves on May 19 to evacuate women and children to Taku where they will go aboard a special steamer for Dairen.—Reuter.

## SPURIOUS COINS.

## AN ATTEMPT TO VICTIMISE VILLAGERS.

## JAIL SENTENCES.

At the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindsell had before him three Chinese ex-employees of the China Sugar Refinery charged with the possession of and the uttering of counterfeit coins. Evidence was given that the men went to Stanley to pass the "dud" coins on May 13, and many of the villagers were victimised. When searched after their arrest, the men were found to have between them some \$4 in spurious 20-cent pieces. One of the accused was sentenced to two terms of four weeks' hard labour, on two charges of uttering. Another was ordered to go to jail for two months' with hard labour for possession of four of the bad coins, while the third man had against him three charges of uttering and one of possession, was sentenced to four terms of three weeks' hard labour.

Platoon, from May 22 to June 5, 1928.

No. 736 Pte. E. C. Fincher, No. 2 Platoon, from May 22 to June 5, 1928.

No. 554 Pte. W. L. Smith, No. 1 Platoon, from May 19 to June 9, 1928.

No. 860 Pte. E. A. Roberts, No. 2 Platoon, from May 2 to October 30, 1928.

## Struck Off.

Having failed to complete the requirements of efficiency:—

No. 992 Pte. M. Menghray, No. 906 Pte. F. W. Quark and No. 925 Pte. J. C. Guingan, Corps Signals, as from May 2, 1928.

Having left the Colony:—

No. 1104 Pte. F. T. Orr, M.I. Company, as from April 25, 1928.

No. 518 Pte. E. E. Mimmack, A.C. Company, as from May 12, 1928.

No. 488 Pte. J. A. Douglas, No. 7 Platoon, as from May 22, 1928.

Permitted to resign on Medical Grounds, as from May 2, 1928:—

No. 1018 Pte. M. Ashan and No. 997 Pte. A. H. Hartman, Corps Signals.

No. 1280 Bandman P. M. F. Rosario, Corps Band, as from May 11, 1928.

## NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club: Peak Range has been allotted to No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club on Sunday, May 20. Firing commences 9.30 a.m.

## Shadows Before

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Sorrell and Son."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Heart of Shilome."

To-day—World Theatre: "Diplomacy."

May 20—Queen's Theatre: "Tillie The Teller."

May 20—World Theatre: "The Navigator."

May 20—Star Theatre: "The Valley of Hell."

May 22—Queen's Theatre: "Les Miserables."

## Sports.

May 26-28—Fifth Extra Race Meetings of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auction. May 19—At Sales Room, Duddell-street, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

## Meetings.

May 19—Sixth yearly meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange-bldg., Des Voeux-rd., noon.

May 25—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Union-bldg., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-ninth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 25—Sixty-second annual meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 29—Half yearly meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 6.15 p.m.

## Miscellaneous.

May 24—Official opening by H.E. The Officer Administering the Govt. of Cheer 'O new premises in City Hall, 6 p.m.

November 13—Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local exams at the Hong Kong University.

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# Sport Columns

## BOWLS.

### CRAIGENGOWER AND TAIKOO.

#### CLARK OUT.

[By "Blas"]

I expected to have something to say about the Championship of the Colony where a number of matches were due to be played during the week; but the weather has caused most of the greens to be closed. One match took place on Wednesday on the Civil Service ground between Inspector J. Clark of the Police Club and Archibald of Civil Service. It was a very close game and one shot per head was the dominant score. The match was won by the last shot in the last head and a potential champion was beaten in the preliminary round. If Archibald keeps up that form he will go far.

#### Craigengower.

In the First Division all eyes are on Craigengower at Taikeo. Their tails are up and they ought to win. Basa is a very experienced player and last Saturday's score is no index of the form of his rink. The Volunteers' new march past has inspired the Valley Club to have an anthem of their own, but "Bradbury will carry us through" will not win the league.

Kowloon Cricket Club play the Police at home and I doubt if they can win. The Police are stronger than their position in the league shows and their first Saturday's mistake has made them keener than ever.

Kowloon Dock entertain the Civil Service and that is anybody's game with the odds on the home side.

#### The "Seconds."

In the Second Division Club de Recreio "A" are at home to Taikeo and ought to take another step forward towards the flag. I expect to see them in the first division next year. Their "B" team are at the valley playing Civil Service and will probably be well beaten.

East Point and the Kowloon Bowling's Green's second string should be a good match and East Point at home are the favourites.

The Yacht Club are weak and K.C.C. seconds are also weak and the match at North Point tomorrow should go to the sailors.

The result of the "off" match between Kowloon Bowling Green second at Kowloon I foregoe conclusion but will help the Valley team by giving them an opportunity to find where their weakness lies.

The main question at the moment is, will the rain hold off and the greens be playing tomorrow?

The positions in the League to date are:—

#### Division I.

|                    | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Craigengower C.C.  | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 4    |
| Kowloon C.C.       | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2    |
| Kowloon Dock R.C.  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2    |
| Kowloon B.G.C.     | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2    |
| Police R.C.        | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2    |
| Taikeo R.C.        | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Civil Service C.C. | 2  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0    |

#### Shots For and Against.

|                   | For | Agst. | Up | Dn. |
|-------------------|-----|-------|----|-----|
| Craigengower C.C. | 131 | 110   | 21 | 0   |
| Kowloon C.C.      | 68  | 51    | 17 | 0   |
| Kowloon Dock R.C. |     |       |    |     |

|                    |     |     |    |    |
|--------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Kowloon B.G.C.     | 126 | 116 | 10 | 0  |
| Police R.C.        | 120 | 121 | 0  | 1  |
| Taikeo R.C.        | 117 | 121 | 0  | 4  |
| Civil Service C.C. | 66  | 49  | 17 | 0  |
| East Point R.C.    | 127 | 120 | 7  | 0  |
| Recreio "B"        | 107 | 117 | 0  | 10 |
| Craigengower C.C.  | 101 | 114 | 0  | 13 |
| Yacht Club         | 86  | 120 | 0  | 34 |
| Kowloon C.C.       | 93  | 134 | 0  | 41 |

#### Shots For and Against.

|                    | For | Agst. | Up | Dn. |
|--------------------|-----|-------|----|-----|
| Kowloon B.G.C.     | 135 | 102   | 33 | 0   |
| Recreio "A"        | 142 | 112   | 30 | 0   |
| Taikeo R.C.        | 66  | 49    | 17 | 0   |
| Civil Service C.C. | 64  | 53    | 11 | 0   |
| East Point R.C.    | 127 | 120   | 7  | 0   |
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## TENNIS GOSSIP.

### CHINESE R.C. TIPPED AS LIKELY CHAMPIONS.

#### TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The local tennis league this season promises to be as interesting as any previous year, judging by the record number of entries, there being 34 teams competing in the three divisions.

Although the tournament is only two weeks old, it is not too early to be able to pick out the probable teams that will be in "at the kill."

In the "A" Division, and for the matter of that in the other two sections as well, the Chinese R.C., if the form they have displayed to date is any criterion, are tipped as likely champions again, and it will probably be in the "B" league that they will meet with the keenest competition. The Club de Recreio and the Indian R.C., both of whom were well in the running last year, will again make a bold bid to wrest the title from the holders. The Indians especially, who have a very depleted side in the "A" division, will concentrate on their "B" team and their meeting with the Chinese on Saturday week is being keenly looked forward to.

The positions in the League to date are:—

#### "A" Division.

|                   | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|------|
| Chinese R.C.      | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| M.B.K.            | 1  | 1  | 0  | 2    |
| Craigengower C.C. | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| University        | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Indian R.C.       | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Kowloon C.C.      | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Hong Kong C.C.    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    |

#### "B" Division.

|                   | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|------|
| Recreio           | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Indian R.C.       | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Chinese R.C.      | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Hong Kong C.C.    | 1  | 1  | 0  | 2    |
| Nippon            | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| University        | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| M.B.K.            | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Engineers         | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Kowloon C.C.      | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Craigengower C.C. | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0    |
| South China A.A.  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    |

#### "C" Division.

|                    | P. | W. | L. | Pts. |
|--------------------|----|----|----|------|
| Chinese R.C.-1     | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Recreio-2          | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| South China A.A.   | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Chinese R.C.-2     | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| Kowloon C.C.       | 2  | 2  | 0  | 4    |
| R.A.M.C.           | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Kennedy-rd. M.C.   | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Hong Kong C.C.     | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Recreio-1          | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Nippon             | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Civil Service C.C. | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2    |
| Kowloon I.T.C.     | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| R.A.O.C.           | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Y.M.C.A.           | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Filipino Club      | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |
| Indian R.C.        | 2  | 0  | 2  | 0    |

## LEAGUE MATCHES.

### To-morrow's Fixtures.

| Division I.                 |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Craigengower v University.  |  |
| Chinese R.C. v Kowloon C.C. |  |
| Hong Kong C.C. v M.B.K.     |  |

#### Division II.

| M.B.K. v Kowloon C.C.          |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Indian R.C. v Hong Kong C.C.   |  |
| Nippon Club v South China A.A. |  |
| Recreio v Engineers.           |  |

#### Division III.

| R.A.O.C. v Indian R.C.          |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| South China A.A. v Chinese "A." |  |
| Hong Kong C.C. v Filipino Club. |  |
| Recreio "A" v Recreio "B."      |  |
| Kowloon C.C. v Kowloon Indians. |  |
| Y.M.C.A. v Nippon Club.         |  |
| Kennedy Road v Civil Service.   |  |
| Chinese "B" v R.A.M.C.          |  |

## GOLF TOURNAMENT.

### MORE SURPRISES IN MONEY MATCH.

Leads, Yesterday.

The outstanding first rounders were Charles Whitcombe who beat Ernest Whitcombe 2 and 1; and Cotton who beat Ray 4 and 2. In the second round Williamson of Notts beat Cotton 2 and 1, J. Bradbeer of Porters Park beat Duncan 2 and 0 and Davis of Prenton beat Compton 4 and 2.—Reuter.

## WOMEN'S GOLF.

### FRENCH & ENGLISHWOMAN IN FINAL.

Hunstanton, Yesterday.

In the semi-finals of the British Women's Open Championship Miss Leblan (France) beat Miss Wilson of Nottingham 1-0 and Miss Marshall of Salady Lodge beat Miss Judith Fowler of Harrogate 1-0.—Reuter.

Mr. P. Castilla, secretary of the "w" billiard team, informs us that his team, and not the Catholic Union Club, lost in the recent match against the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

## LAWN TENNIS.

### CHINESE R.C.'S EASY VICTORY.

#### MID-WEEK MATCH.

Craigengower Cricket Club (the home team) lost to the Chinese Recreation Club by 45 games yesterday in "B" division of the Tennis League. The winners are last year's champions. Scores:—

|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| A. Hamson and E. Zimmermann (C.C.C.):— |     |
| lost to C. Choa and H. Lo              | 3-8 |
| lost to Lau Man-ching and Lu Tak-cheuk | 5-6 |
| lost to Kwok Po-kun and Chau Wah-po    | 3-8 |

|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| A. Kelly and G. Lal (C.C.C.):—         |     |
| lost to C. Choa and H. Lo              | 3-8 |
| lost to Lau Man-ching and Lu Tak-cheuk | 3-8 |
| lost to Kwok Po-kun and Chau Wah-po    | 2-9 |

|                                          |      |
|------------------------------------------|------|
| H. J. Howard and W. J. Howard (C.C.C.):— |      |
| lost to C. Choa and H. Lo                | 0-11 |
| lost to Lau Man-ching and Lu Tak-cheuk   | 3-8  |
| lost to Kwok Po-kun and Chau Wah-po      | 6-5  |

Total: Craigengower 27; Chinese R.C. 72.

## LADIES' MATCH.

The Diocesan Girls' School visited to University lady undergraduates on Wednesday and lost by 11 games. Scores:—

|                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Miss R. Kwok and Miss A. Leung (University):— |     |
| lost to Miss Mason and Miss Ellis             | 5-6 |
| beat Miss Chan and Miss Lemineur              | 7-4 |
| beat Miss Broadbridge and Miss McAlinsh       | 9-2 |

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total                                              | 21-13 |
| Miss J. Ho Tung and Miss G. Ho Tung (University):— |       |
| lost to Miss Mason and Miss Ellis                  | 0-11  |
| beat Miss Chan and Miss Lemineur                   | 7-4   |
| beat Miss Broadbridge and Miss McAlinsh            | 7-4   |

Total 14-19

Miss A. Barr and Miss H. Surh (University):—

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| lost to Miss Mason and Miss Ellis       | 3-8 |
| beat Miss Chan and Miss Lemineur        | 9-2 |
| beat Miss Broadbridge and Miss McAlinsh | 8-3 |

Total 20-13

(Total: University 55, Diocesan Girls' School 44).

Kowloon C.C. Teams.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow in League fixtures:—

"A" division v C.R.C. on the C.R.C. ground:—S. E. Green and C. W. E. Bishop, E. F. Fincher and W. M. Gittins, C. E. Millard and F. G. Wheeler.

"B" division v M.B.K. on the M.B.K. ground:—Capt. J. P. Murray and D. S. Green, W. Brown and E. R. Price, C. J. Tacchi and W. Woodward.

"C" division v K.I.T.C. on the K.C.C. ground:—C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstensen, P. M. Pinget and A. E. Guest, J. S. Smith and D. J. Purves.

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CHINESE THEME IN A SCALA PRODUCTION.

Rome.—A new opera in three acts, "Thien Hoa," with music by the young maestro Guido Bianchini, was given at the Scala recently and was well received by an appreciative audience, which applauded somewhat hesitatingly after the first and second acts, but made up for it by frank and spontaneous enthusiasm at the end of the third act.

The opera is Chinese in subject, with a distinctly Chinese character in the personages and situations. The libretto, written by Signor Forzano, was taken from a Chinese play by the same author, which had a fair amount of success in Italian theatres some years ago. The action is placed at Canton.

The name of "Thien Hoa" is interpreted as "Flower of Heaven." She is the pretty young wife of a mandarin, but falls in love with a young artist, Chian Seng, with whom she conspires to elope. A merchant, who buys the works of her lover, hears of their scheme and tries to prevent it by revealing the secret to the mandarin, who compels the artist to pose as a corpse and make Thien Hoa believe him dead. Later Thien Hoa discovers the trick played on her and poisons herself, while her artist lover drowns himself in a lake.

The story, was magnificently staged by the Scala, with typical Chinese scenery and costumes. The orchestra was ably directed by Maestro Bianchini. The music of Maestro Bianchini seemed at times an attempt at a compromise between melodious romanticism and mordant modernism, with somewhat perplexing results. In the first and second acts, where the airs are sung by Thien Hoa and Chian Seng, there was a lack of apparent sequence, and the hearers were left in dubious suspense. The chorus parts left a somewhat similar impression, being rudimentary and uncertain.

Thien Hoa's part was effectively rendered by the soprano Rosa Pampanini, and the part of Chian Seng by the tenor Melandri. The baritone Damiani and the bass Bettini did justice to the parts of the mandarin and the merchant.

### CINEMA PLAYERS.

Hollywood, May 2.—Chester M. Franklin is to direct George K. Arthur and Karl Dane in "Detectives."

James Murray, formerly a doorman at the Capitol Theatre, is to play the leading male role opposite Marion Davies in her next production. He is now to be seen in support of Eleanor Boardman in "The Crowd."

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., is playing the male lead in "Power," a Tiffany-Stahl production, now being directed by Reginald Barker. Recently Mr. Fairbanks is said to have had a strenuous time, for he had to submit to being dragged in the mud, after being punched by three bullies and thrown from a roof. He also submits to being gassed in a coal mine, to being struck in the eye, choked and pitched into a fire.

Jacqueline Logan has been engaged by Columbia Pictures, for the leading female role in a photo-play to be known as "Broadway Daddies."

In a recent edition of the London "Daily Express" it is set forth that the newspaper understands that Mr. Charlie Brown, proprietor of the Blue Posts Inn, Limehouse, has obtained a writ against the producers and distributors of a film, called "London," which was shown over there some time ago. The film, in which Dorothy Gish had the leading role, is concerned with the experiences of an East End girl. This heroine escapes from the clutches of a Chinaman and is befriended by a man about town in Mayfair. Mr. Brown claims that he has been libelled in respect of his inn, which is known

to seamen all over the world. It is filled with rare curios and ivory carvings. Mr. Brown happens at present to be in the West Indies.

Eight new productions are scheduled to be finished at the De Mille studio.

Hollywood, May 2.—"The Chess Players," says the London "Daily Express" is one of those historical films for which the French are distinguished, full of exciting or curious incidents, accurately and beautifully costumed and having the same appeal as the sweeping novels of Dumas.

Belle Bennett and Jean Herhold have been engaged to play in D. W. Griffith's new version of "The Battle of the Sexes."

"The Yellow Lily," a screen version of a play by Lajos Biro, went into production at the First National Studios. The players include Billie Dove, Clive Brook, Gustav von Seyffertitz, Nicholas Sussanin, Jane Winton, Marc MacDermott, Bodil Rosling and Charles Puffy. This film is being directed by Alexander Korda.

"The Jazz Singer," with Al Jolson, has passed its 300th performance at Warners Theatre.

"Chicago," the film transcription of Marion Watkins' play of the same name, is now on view at the Mark Strand, with Phyllis Haver in the role of Roxie Hart. In the supporting cast are Victor Varconi, Virginia Bradford, Robert Edeson, T. Roy Barnes, Julia Faye, May Robson and others.

After several years of retirement, Rosemary Cooper has returned to the films and is playing a small part in Leo Meehan's latest production, "The Little Yellow House," which features Martha Sleeper and Orville Caldwell.

Richard Arlen is to support Ethel Ralston in her next picture, "White Hands."

"Children of the Sun" will be the title of Alexander Markey's picture for Universal. He, it is said, will shortly embark for an island in the Southern Pacific accompanied by an assistant, a camera man and a continuity clerk. His destination is the island of Tarang. Mr. Markey plans to film a romantic and dramatic story of the Maoris.

After several months in the Samoan Islands group Raymond Wells recently arrived in New York with the prints of a South Sea Island picture to be called "Fagasa." Mr. Wells filmed the natives of this island in their daily life.

Loretta Young, Marietta Milner and Albert Conti will support Florence Vidor in her new picture, "The Magnificent Flirt."

The Fifth Avenue Playhouse Group will show shortly a number of foreign films, including "The Chess Player," "Imaginary Voyage," "The Glass With Three Faces," "The Gallery of Monsters," "Entr'acte," "Dream of the Little Match Girl," "Berlin—A City Symphony," "The Road," "Witchcraft Through the Ages," "Zazavavindrane," "Little Lillie," "Student Love," "The Hands of Orlac," "Nana," and "Christian Oche," a Japanese film.

Eleven stars, 28 talented feature players, 17 directors and 27 writers are now under contract to the Paramount Famous Lasky Corporation. The small army of artistic talent, gathered together from all parts of the world, is all the public sees of the vast organization behind it, at the huge studios in Hollywood, where more than one thousand persons are employed in the making of the pictures now under way. Under the guiding hand of B. P. Schulberg, Mr. Lasky's associate producer, eight pictures are now being edited for immediate release, six are before the cameras, and nine are in the

### "BABY CYCLONE."

DOG STORY AT "THE LYRIC," LONDON.

[By George M. Cohan.]  
Evans ..... Frederick Volpe.  
Crandall ..... Dora Gregory.  
Joseph Meadows ..... Joseph Coyne.  
Jessie Hurley ..... Kathleen O'Regan.  
Dr. Hearn ..... Wyn Weaver.  
Jim Hurley ..... Frank Vosper.  
Lydia Webster ..... Cecily Byrne.  
Kellough ..... Arthur Hammond.  
George ..... Alfred Drayton.  
Mr. Webster ..... Sebastian Smith.  
Mrs. Webster ..... Helen Haye.  
Edward ..... Eric Cave.  
Maid ..... Nan Wild.  
Pierce ..... George Barrett.  
Producer: William Mollison.

Let me sum it up after the excellent manner of P. C. Kellogg. Jessie Hurley had a Pekinese dog called Cyclone, and much preferred it to Jim. So Jim stole Cyclone and sold it to Lydia Webster for a pound; Jessie stole it back from Lydia; Jim hit Joe Meadows in the eye; and the policeman didn't believe a word that anybody said, and arrested the whole party.

So much for the first two acts of Mr. George M. Cohan's farce. Up to this point the play has much to recommend it. It moves with speed, it attains to a certain not very high standard of brightness, and is not too widely far-fetched to command our attention. It is true that both Jessie and Lydia want smacking, and that not all the efforts of two very charming actresses can disguise the fact. It is true likewise that the spectacle of two women, presumed sane, slobbering over a bored Pekinese dog very soon ceases to be funny and becomes faintly disgusting. But for all that the battle royal for the possession of Cyclone is passable farce, and the scene in which P. C. Kellogg plays his massive part is very good farce indeed.

The last act, however, is deplorable. It is hackneyed, it is dull, it is almost unbelievably silly. And although it gets rid of Cyclone, and restores the two fatuous young women to whatever senses they possess, it does these things clumsily and to little or no effect and has to introduce no fewer than five new characters for the purpose. In this act Cyclone has been awarded to Lydia by whatever court arranges these things, and Jessie, having taken a situation as nurse to the little brute so as not to be parted from him, dresses in full nurse's rig, and is addressed by Lydia as "Hurley." Well, but I forgot. They've translated the play into English, and the whole affair is supposed to happen in London. That makes it funnier still.

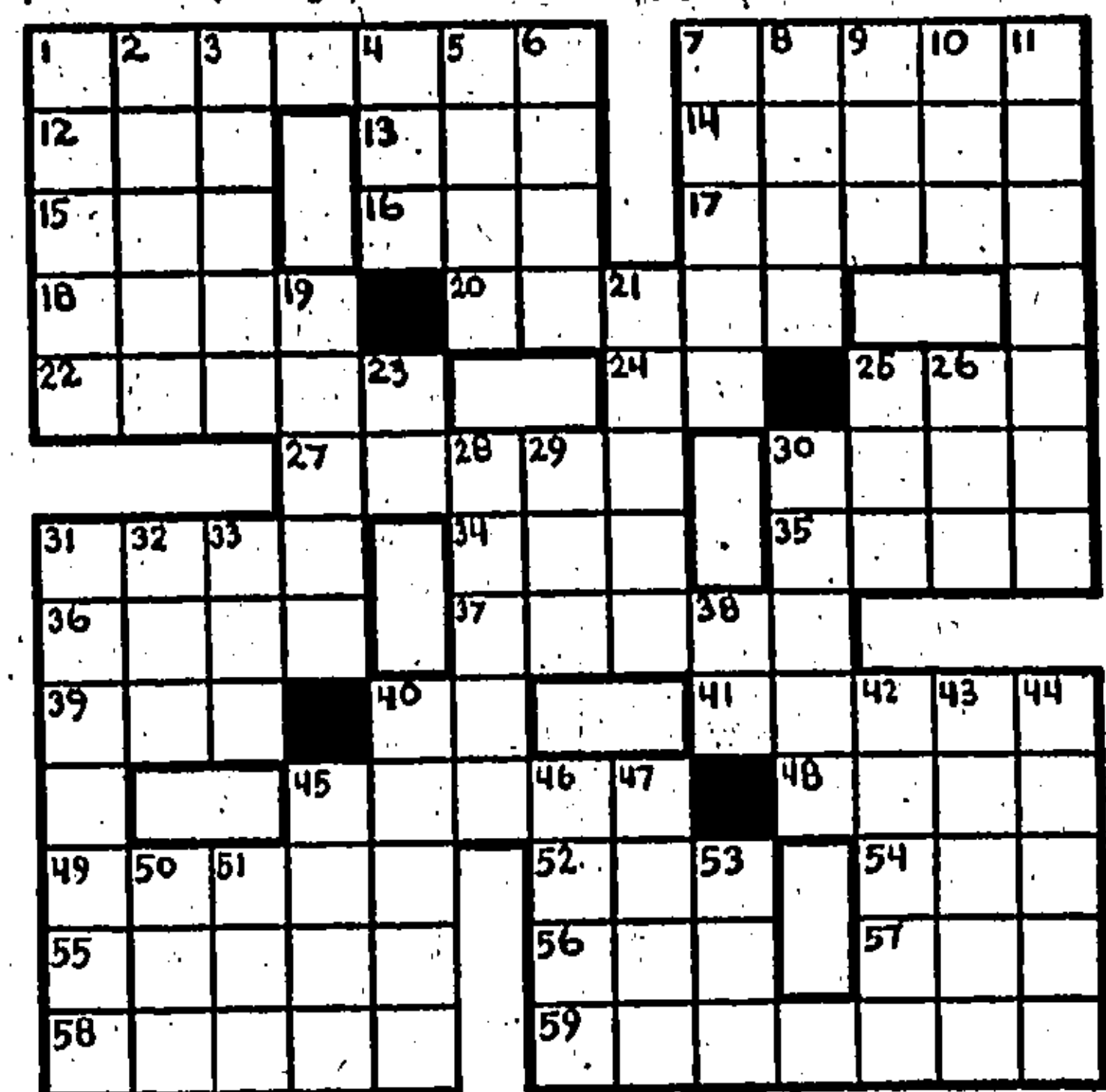
However, the company works hard, and keeps things going. Mr. Joseph Coyne and Mr. Frank Vosper command our sympathies as well as any men could who devoted themselves voluntarily to two such women. Miss Cecily Byrne rambles superbly, and Miss Kathleen O'Regan, whose soft Irish voice has not the brassy quality that the piece requires, makes up by producing the most piercing screams. But the hits of the evening are made by Mr. Alfred Drayton, gloriously deliberate as the policemen in the second act, and by a cat which has the best moment of the first act all to itself. The play was kindly received by its first audience, but a note or two of disapprobation was audible from on high.—W. A. D. in London "Daily Telegraph."

state of story preparation for filming.

The famous Yale Bowl, the first of the huge football stadiums, makes its screen debut as a setting for a motion picture in "Hold 'Em, Yale!" Rod La Roque's new vehicle for Pathe. Providing further authentic background for this De Mille special, the screen version of Owen Davis' play, "At Yale," the seats constructed at the De Mille studio for the picture are fashioned after a series of carefully selected photographs of buildings and scenes on the Yale campus.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plop, and altho.)



### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 1—Sore
- 7—Angle in fort
- 12—Peculiar
- 13—Unit
- 14—Soleat
- 15—Poem
- 16—Coal container
- 17—Runs
- 18—Fabricator
- 20—Stories
- 22—Bible word of unknown meaning
- 24—Conjunction
- 25—Snowshoe
- 27—Prisons
- 28—Twist
- 31—A melody
- 34—Formerly
- 35—Suspend
- 36—Wealthy
- 37—Brief
- 38—Peer
- 40—Pronoun
- 41—Ancient

### HORIZONTAL

- 45—Two-wheeled wagon
- 46—Wash
- 49—Far eastern kingdom
- 52—Consume
- 54—Tier
- 55—Get up
- 56—A liquor
- 57—Place out
- 58—Paths
- 59—Wander slowly

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11—Mating
- 19—Hindu prince
- 21—The one defeated
- 23—Exclamation
- 25—Mineral spring
- 26—Relation
- 28—Buy
- 29—Shattered side
- 30—Covering of a nut
- 31—Munitions storage
- 32—Toar
- 33—Slippery
- 38—Thus
- 40—Men
- 42—Dented
- 43—Call forth
- 44—More novel
- 46—An event
- 48—Pair of horses
- 47—Special offering
- 50—Period
- 51—Faction
- 53—A beverage

### VERTICAL

- 1—Puddle
- 2—Girl's name
- 3—Fanciful
- 4—Pendant
- 5—One
- 6—Girl's name
- 7—Allude
- 8—Cloth measure (pl.)
- 9—Expire
- 10—Consumed

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.  
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1928.—

### CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER

#### WORKS LEVEL.

|                          | 1927            | 1928 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------|
| Tytam .....              | 12' 11" 17' 5"  | 5" B |
| Tytam Byewash .....      | 4' 10" 18' 6"   | 6" B |
| Tytam Intermediate ..... | 0' 0" 4' 6"     | 6" B |
| Tytam Tuk .....          | 28' 4" 38' 0"   | 5" B |
| Wong Nei Chung .....     | 21' 7" 16' 5"   | 5" B |
| Pokfulum .....           | 12' 11" 11' 10" | 5" B |

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow".]

#### Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

|                          | 1927   | 1928   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Tytam .....              | 283.99 | 253.30 |
| Tytam Byewash .....      | 3.07   | 4.67   |
| Tytam Intermediate ..... | 143.30 | 171.36 |
| Tytam Tuk .....          | 826.00 | 558.00 |
| Wong Nei Chung .....     | 8.50   | 12.62  |
| Pokfulum .....           | 39.63  | 40.44  |

Total .....

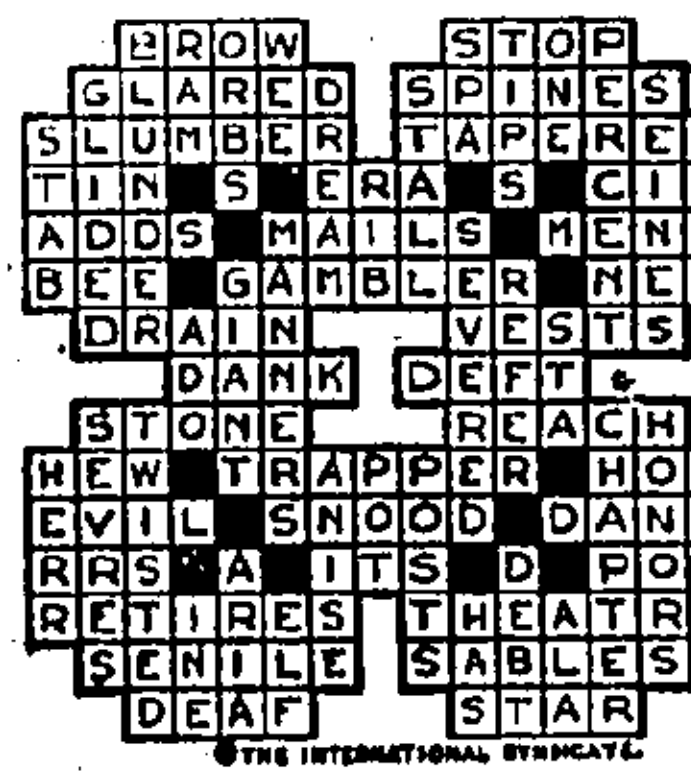
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

|                            | 1927    | 1928    |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Consumption .....          | 215.20  | 217.00  |
| Estimated population ..... | 411,000 | 421,380 |
| Consumption per head ..... | 17.4    | 17.1    |

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts west of Garden-road during April, 1927, and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts east of Garden-road during April, 1927.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during April, 1928.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



### KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir .....

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....

Reception Reservoir .....

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir .....

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....

Reception Reservoir .....

Total .....

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1927 1928

Consumption .....

Estimated population .....

Consumption per head .....

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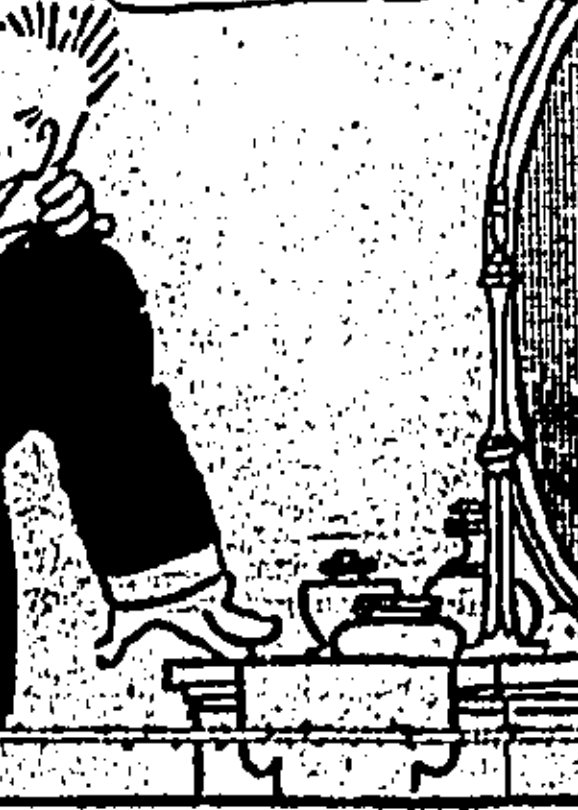
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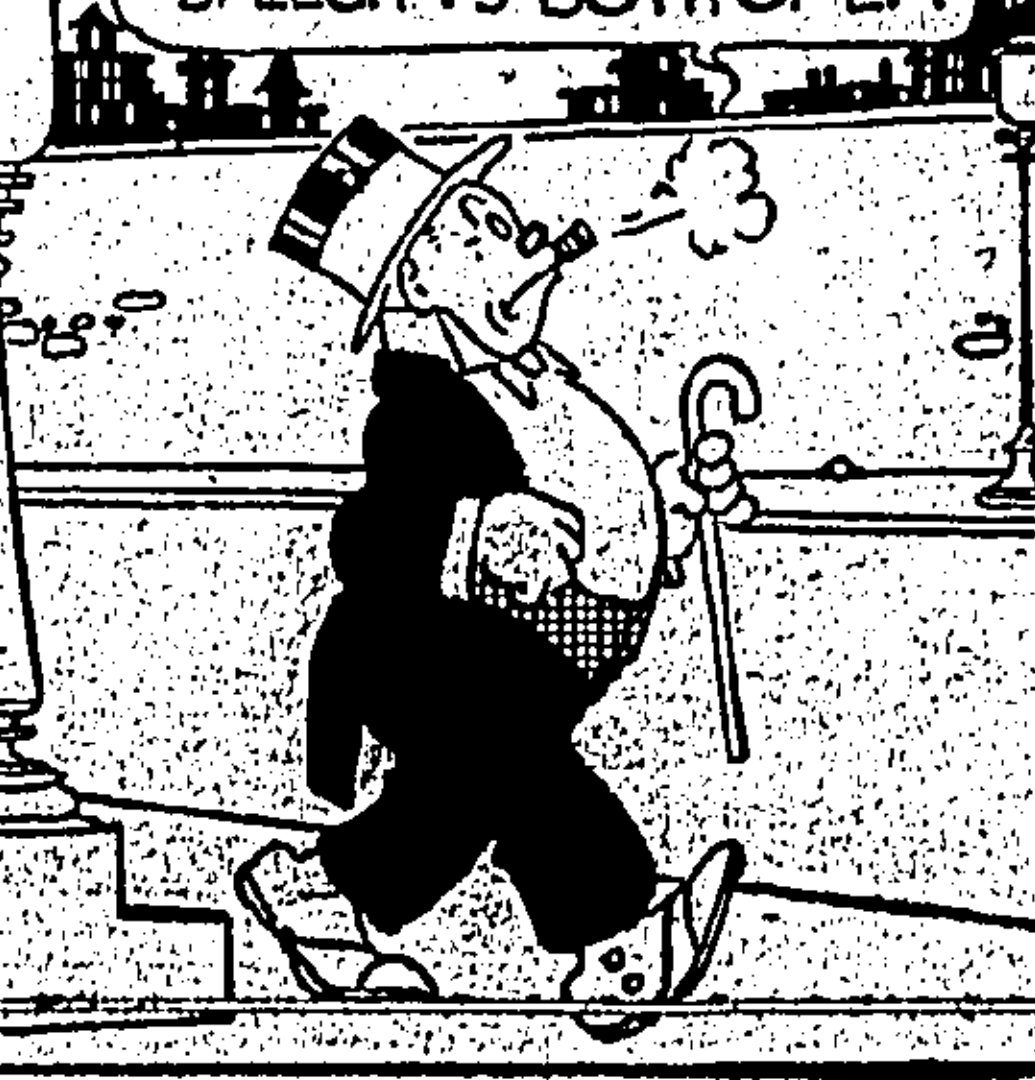
I DO HOPE YOU MAKE A GOOD SPEECH AT THE CLUB TO-NIGHT



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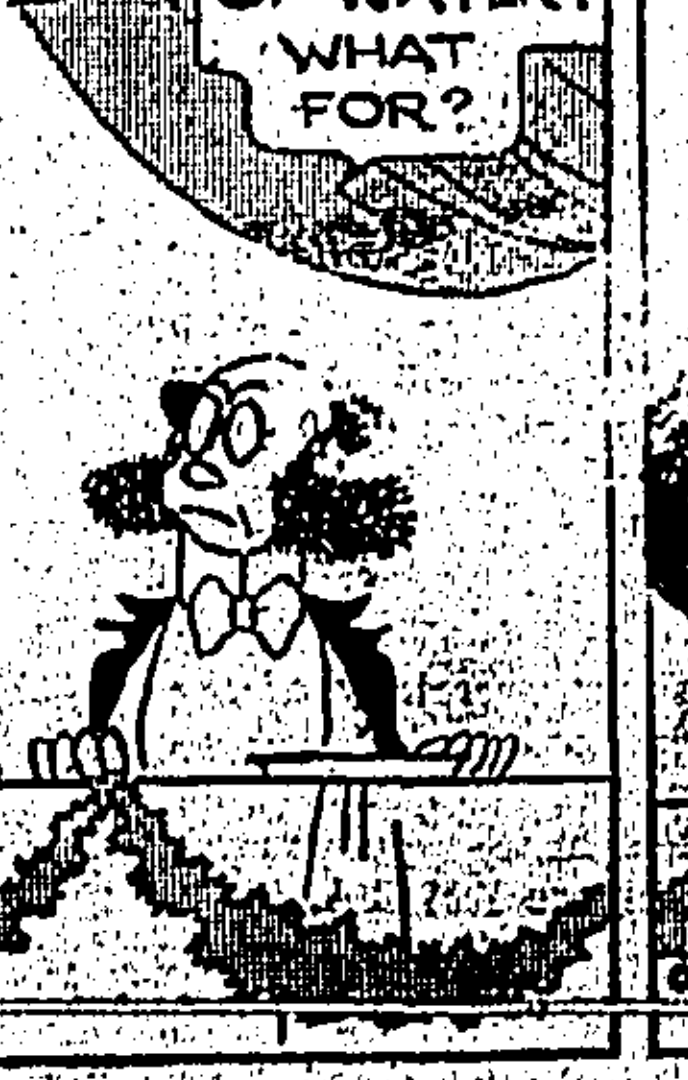
THERE'S TWO THINGS I'D LIKE TO GET OUT OF DOIN' TO-NIGHT AN' MAKIN' A SPEECH IS BOTH OF 'EM



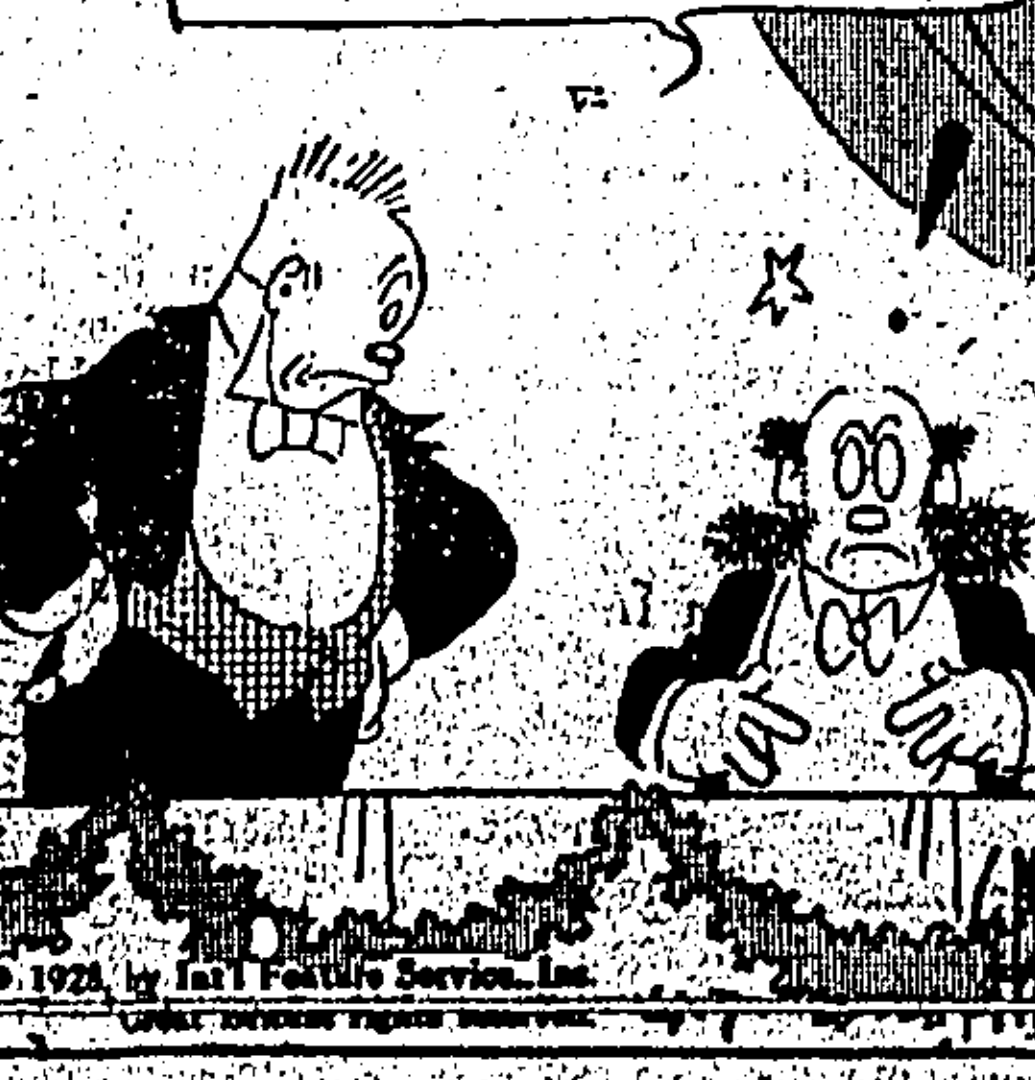
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### AN ELECTION.

ALLEGATIONS IN POLICE COURT.

"A RIVAL DOCTOR."

At Llanelly, Dr. J. H. Williams, Labour M.P. for Llanelly, was defendant in two of six summonses arising out of the recent Carmarthenshire County Council election, when he retained his seat by a small majority against the Barry Port Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. E. Gravelle. He applied for a writ of habeas corpus against Dr. Gravelle. Dr. W. D. Williams, his son, summoned Dr. Gravelle for assault, and applied for a writ of habeas corpus.

Counter-summonses were issued by Dr. Gravelle and by ex-Councillor F. J. MacLachlan against Dr. Williams, M.P., for assault, and MacLachlan also summoned Hannah Jane Williams, daughter of Dr. Williams, for using indecent language on the day of the election.

Opening the cases in which Dr. J. H. Williams and Dr. Gravelle were interested, Mr. T. R. Ludford, for Dr. Williams, said they did not allege that the threats made by Dr. Gravelle were merely the outcome of the electioneering excitement, but that they had been repeated during the past three or four months. For some reason, Dr. Gravelle had been pestering Dr. Williams, and recently threatened him whenever he met him, taking care to do so when there were no witnesses about. He would turn to him and say: "I will knock your damned head off." This culminated on election day, when Dr. Gravelle, in a state of great excitement, and under the influence of drink, approached Dr. Williams when he was speaking to friends and repeated that he would knock his head off.

"There is," said Mr. Ludford, "no reason why a man of the reputation of Dr. Williams should have to put up with this persecution from a rival doctor who has been acting towards him as a bully and a coward." As to the alleged assault by Dr. Williams, that was absolutely denied.

In evidence, Dr. Williams said he was in fear of Dr. Gravelle, and, unless he could get the protection of the Court, he would have to get police protection.

Cross-examined by Mr. William Davies, for the defence, as to his absence from court on the day of the adjournment of the case, Dr. Williams admitted that he was present that day in the House of

Commons although he was supposed to be suffering from bronchitis.

"I have a very good answer," said Dr. Williams. "I might tell you that the House of Commons is one of the best places to be in when you are out of sorts. It is better than any hotel." He admitted that on the day of the election he had been asked by a policeman to leave the polling booth, along with Dr. Gravelle.

He also admitted that, in reply to Dr. Gravelle's threats he had said, "Neither you nor any of your drunken sots will knock my head off." By "drunken sots" he meant Dr. Gravelle's supporters.

Mr. W. Davies submitted for the defence that the evidence of Dr. Williams that he had been threatened by Dr. A. E. Gravelle was not supported by a single witness.

Dr. Gravelle, in evidence, denied threatening Dr. Williams, and said while he was astride his motor-cycle outside the polling booth Dr. Williams approached

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### RUSSIAN'S IN CHINA.

HOW REMITTANCES DISAPPEAR IN RUSSIA.

BITTER EXPERIENCE.

Swatow, May 6.

Russians in China who have had to send money to their folks back home have always complained that only a small portion of it ever reach the addressees. It seems that, although they have very little use for the Imperialists, the comrades nevertheless do not mind handling Imperialist currencies. It is now disclosed that all remittances entering Russia are tampered with by this or that committee, and, by the time the recipients obtain possession, the greater portion of the money has been taken away in lieu of "deductions" and "contributions." The whole thing has become a great scandal and people in Russia who largely depend upon remittances from abroad for their existence are now raising a hue and cry about it.

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In one case, a sum of \$6,000 (Canadian) had been sent to one widow over a period of several years, but in that time the widow had received only 90 cents! The cheque had been sent to the British agent in Moscow, who had handed them over to the authorities concerned. In every instance, money received from abroad is handed over to some committee or other, or to the head man of the village. That is practically the last to be seen of it. The excuse of the Commissioners is that such and such a person already possesses one cow, and house, one wife and one pig, and was consequently not entitled to any more. In spite of this declaration of economic principle, the money is not returned to the source of origin, however!

Likewise, parcels containing articles of clothing and sundry necessities coming in from abroad are not only confiscated, but the addressees fined on the plea that such "offences" tend to undermine Soviet industry.—"N. C. Daily News."

him, caught hold of him by his coat-collar, and shook him, almost causing his motor-cycle to overturn. That was the assault he alleged against Dr. Williams.

The Bench reserved their decision, and adjourned the hearing of the other cases.

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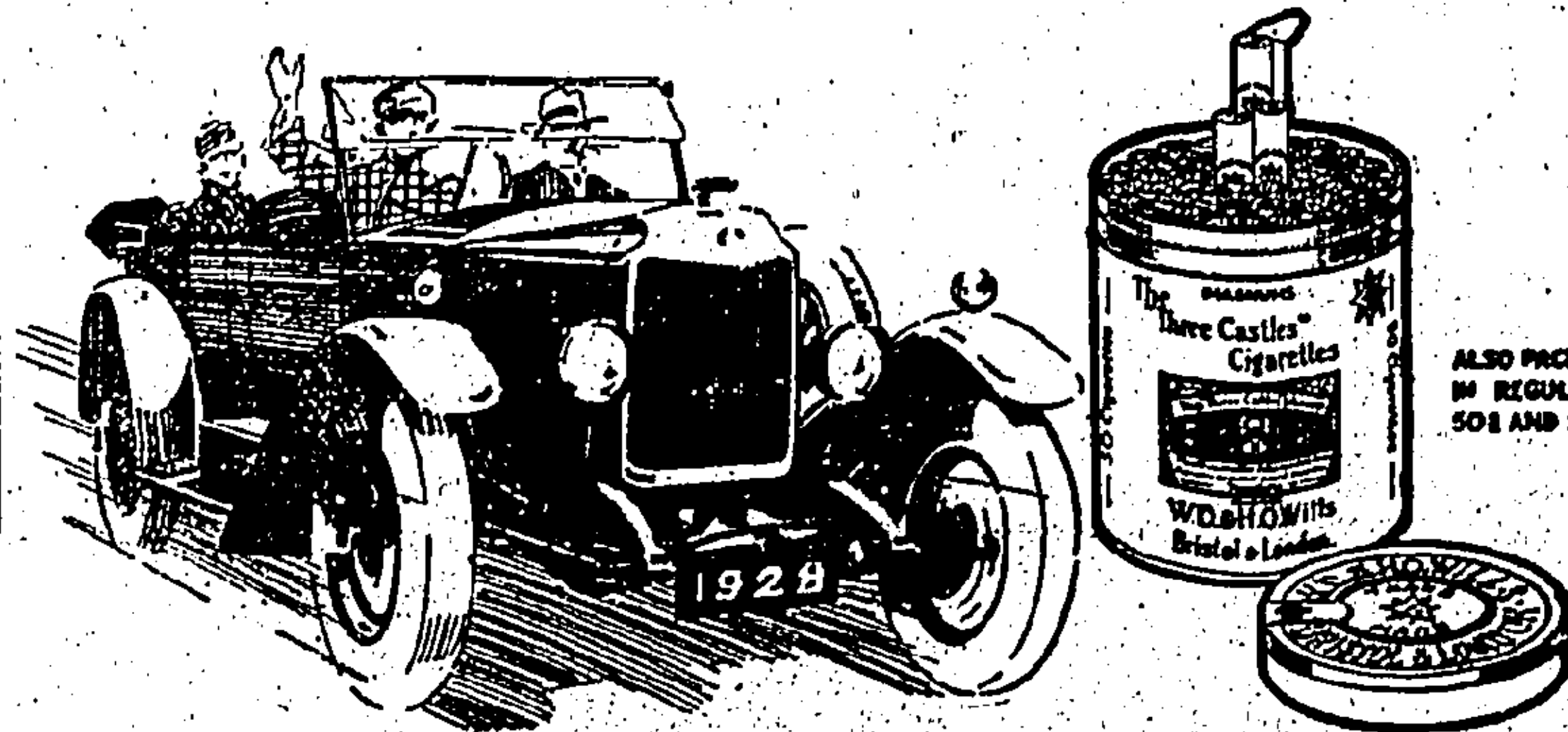
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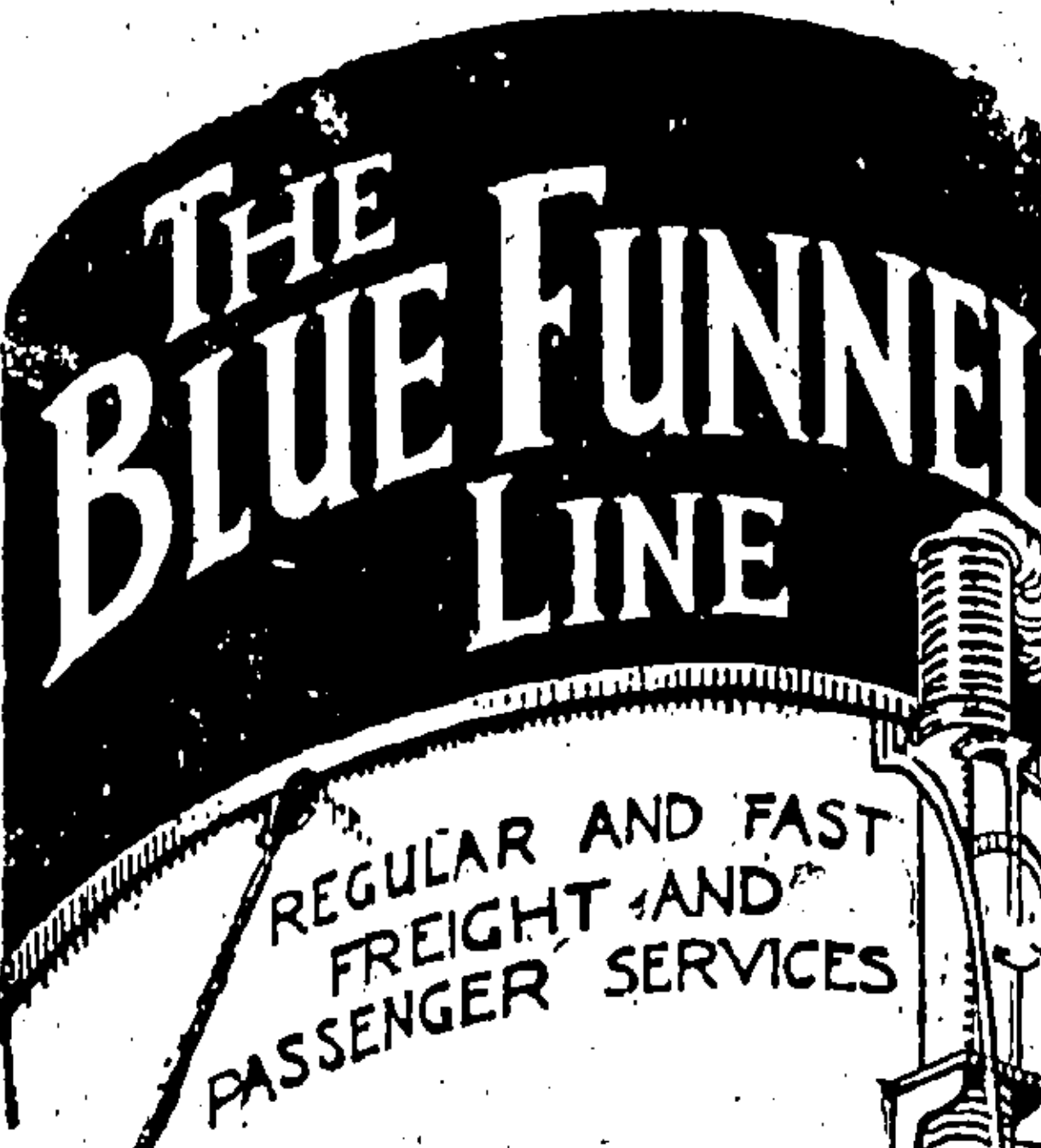
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| FRIDAY, MAY 25.                                       |                 |                     |
| U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai                    | 28.             | President Cleveland |
| MONDAY, MAY 28.                                       |                 |                     |
| Straits                                               | 28.             | Kamo Maru           |
| Manila                                                | 28.             | Empress of Asia     |
| FRIDAY, JUNE 1.                                       |                 |                     |
| Japan and Shanghai                                    | 1.              | Hakusan Maru        |

## OUTWARD MAILS.

| For                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | FRIDAY, MAY 18. | Per           |
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| Saigon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3.30 p.m.       | Solviken      |
| Sam Shui and Wuchow                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4.30 p.m.       | Kochow        |
| Haiphong                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4.30 p.m.       | Caravellas    |
| Shanghai                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5 p.m.          | Soochow       |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5 p.m.          | West Cadron   |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th June. K.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters (May 19th) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration (May 19th) 8.45 a.m. Letters (May 19th) 9.30 a.m. |                 | Hakozaki Maru |
| SATURDAY, MAY 19.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |               |
| *Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                 | Hatipara      |
| Swatow and Bangkok                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10.30 a.m.      | Bintang       |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10.30 a.m.      | Lahore        |
| Saigon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2.30 p.m.       | Shun Chih     |
| Manila, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *E. & *S. Africa *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles                                                                                                                                                 | 5 p.m.          | Pres. Wilson  |
| Amoy and Japan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5 p.m.          | Santhia       |
| Shanghai and Europe via Siberia                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5 p.m.          | Helenus       |
| SUNDAY, MAY 20.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |               |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9 a.m.          | Hozan Maru    |
| Bangkok via Swatow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9 a.m.          | Kalgan        |

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## DRUGGED WINE.

Amah Gives Mistress An Early Glass.

## DARING JEWELLERY ROBBERY.

Receives Six Weeks' Hard Labour At Magistracy To-day.

An amah who was stated to have "doped" her mistress, a Chinese woman living in Li Yuen-street, and then stolen jewellery valued at \$1,000 while her mistress was under the influence of the drug, was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

She admitted the offence. It was stated by the police that the mistress was in the habit of drinking a glass of wine early each morning. Yesterday the accused, who was a substitute for the regular amah, was alleged to have drugged the wine before giving it to her mistress at 6 o'clock. The drug caused the mistress to sleep until noon, and in the meantime the amah ransacked the house and decamped with the jewellery.

The accused was arrested last night as she was about to board the Canton boat. All the jewellery was recovered with the exception of a ring, which she had pawned and spent \$15 of the money.

The Magistrate passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

## RUSSIAN FLIERS.

## SEQUEL TO CRASH AT PARACHINAR.

## GOING TO KABUL.

Peshawar, Yesterday. A telegram from Kohat states that the aeroplane, (reference to which was made on the 14th inst.) was one of a batch of new machines which were being delivered at Kabul apparently the air-men mistook the route.

The British authorities are arranging to send back the two Russians to Kabul, and facilities are being given to the Afghan authorities to whom the aeroplane belonged to examine and, if possible, remove the machine.—Reuter.

[A telegram, dated Peshawar, May 14, stated:—An aeroplane crashed at Parachinar and was badly damaged. Two Russian occupants escaped unhurt. They spoke no English but were able with the assistance of maps to indicate their route which was from Tremez to Kabul. They went to Kohat where they were detained.]

## LOVER'S CRIME.

## INFATUATED YOUTH'S IMPETUOUS ACT.

## DANCER'S SAD FATE.

New York, Yesterday. Maria Montero, the gifted young Spanish dancer, has been murdered in her apartment in the fashionable Rodin Studios. The tragedy followed a violent quarrel with an infatuated Argentinian, called Horatio Columbus, whose attentions she had repeatedly rejected. The police found Maria dead and Horatio, shot through the head, lying alongside her. He was able to retain consciousness long enough to say: "She did not love me, so life was useless."—Reuter's American Service.

## PEACE PACT.

## THE BRYCE-ROOT ARBITRATION TREATY.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN AMITY.

Washington, Yesterday. A Reuter representative was informed at the State Department that Mr. F. B. Kellogg regards the question of the extension of the Bryce-Root Arbitration Treaty as one of small consequence. "He considers that Britain and the United States can very well get along for a few months without any such treaty, until full agreement has been reached by the British Government with the Dominions. The British Embassy endorses this view."—Reuter's America Service.

## BRITISH SHIPPING.

Upper Yangtze "War" Effect.

## MILITARY RE-DISTRIBUTION.

Yang Sen Makes Salt Centre His New Capital.

Imminent "war" appears to have been averted in Szechuan province, in the far west of China Proper, but what effect the latest re-distribution of military leaders there will have on British shipping cannot be ascertained yet.

Generals Liu Hsiang and Ko Yung-tung of Chungking had fitted out an expedition to sail down the Upper Yangtze to attack General Yang Sen. Before the expedition reached Wansien, Yang Sen withdrew further down the River. It is reported that he intends to make Kweichowfu his new headquarters.

Kweichowfu is in the extreme east of Szechuan, on the Upper Yangtze. It is an important salt centre and valuable on that account, says a Naval Wireless despatch.

## An Accomplished Fact.

Apparently, Yang Sen's evacuation has satisfied his opponents as the re-distribution of territory has become an accomplished fact.

While the troops were moving, a merchant steamer was held up at Wansien, where it had to discharge its cargo. Before that, Yang Sen had forbidden an anti-British shipping boycott in his area. About that time, there was agitation in Chungking (in the other two Generals' zone) which came to naught.

The result of the change is that Yang Sen has lost a stretch of the Upper River and is now in power from Ichang (in west Hupeh) up to Kweichowfu and, possibly, a little further above. Higher up the Yangtze, the Szechuan faction is in power.

## PERSIA'S TREATIES.

## AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO TEMPORARILY.

## TREATIES LATER.

Teheran, Yesterday. The provisional agreements arising from Persia's denunciation of the treaties with France and the United States, under which French and American nationals enjoyed capitulation rights, were signed on Monday.

A similar agreement with Germany was signed on Tuesday and with Belgium yesterday, while agreements will shortly be signed with Italy and Czechoslovakia. All agreements are to remain in force till fresh treaties can be arranged.

The Treaty With Germany. Berlin, May 16.—The trade agreement between Persia and Germany expired on April 10, but a new provisional agreement has been concluded. The new treaty gives the Germans a Resident in Persia with the same legal guarantees as have been conceded to Great Britain.—Reuter.

## FUTURE PLANES.

## HENRY FORD AND CHARLES LAWRENCE HONOURED.

## "A NEW FUEL."

Philadelphia, May 17. Henry Ford and Charles Lawrence, inventor of the Wright "Whirlwind" motor, have been presented with medals in recognition of their achievements by the Franklin Institute.

Mr. Lawrence in his address, predicted the coming of swifter, safer bigger aeroplanes, with living and sleeping apartments. The passengers would be housed in the wings, which would be seven feet thick, while the fuselage would shrink to a fraction of the present size.

The planes of the future would be so large that it would be possible for mechanics to repair an engine during flight. Mr. Ford predicted the discovery of a new fuel lighter than petrol.—Reuter.

## FROM HYDERABAD.

And The Other Side In Costa Rica.

## SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Indian Merchant v. Dollar Steamship Company.

How one side hailed from Hyderabad in India and the other had to refer to Costa Rica in Central America was briefly referred to in the Summary Court this morning, when the weekly "list fixing" came up before Mr. Justice Jacks (Puisne Judge).

Mr. L. D. Turner appeared for plaintiff, Mr. Watamal Boodchand, Nos. 13-20, On Lan-street, who sued the Dollar Steamship Line for \$591.25. Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones was for the defendants.

Mr. Hugh Jones asked for security of costs. His contention was that the plaintiff firm consisted of one man trading in Hyderabad. Mr. Turner replied that such was not necessary as plaintiff was within the jurisdiction of the court.

## The Claim as an Asset!

Mr. Hugh Jones argued that the law went further than that. Plaintiff must have substantial assets in the Colony, he said.

Mr. Turner dissented. Plaintiff had a place of business here, a manager, premises and stock in trade, and Mr. Turner added, the claim might be regarded as one of his assets (laughter).

An agreement was then arrived at whereby His Lordship made an order for plaintiff to furnish pleadings, Mr. Hugh Jones's application for security of costs to be heard in Chambers to-morrow, and the case to be adjourned sine die because, as Mr. Turner understood, the defence had to refer to "Costa Rica, or somewhere far away" for details.

## The Claim.

The claim was for damages for breach of a contract in writing, dated July 30, 1926, for the carriage of certain goods to Puntarenas, which the defendants are alleged to have failed to do or to account for; alternatively, damages for the alleged conversion of the goods by the defendants by the wrongful sale of same; and, alternatively, damages for alleged breach of duty and contract by defendants in failing to make enquiries and for selling the goods without the knowledge or authority of plaintiff.

## OBSTINATE.

## REFUSED TO PRODUCE LICENCE.

The Chinese driver of public motor car No. 252 was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with refusing to produce his licence when requested to do so by Indian traffic constable B151.

The defendant claimed that he had produced his licence, but did not hand it over to the constable.

The constable who was on point duty at the junction of Pedder-street and Queen's-road, said that at about 7.30 p.m., yesterday, the defendant turned into Pedder-street from Queen's-road and proceeded down the street very slowly, stopping each time a pedestrian passed on the sidewalk. When he got to the end of Pedder-street, defendant turned the car round and came up the street again.

When he got level to the witness, he asked the defendant to produce his licence, but the latter said that as he did not do anything wrong, he did not see why he should produce his licence. The defendant persisted in his refusal even after another Indian constable had three times advised him to produce his licence, and then he was arrested. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

## EMBEZZLEMENT.

A fok of the Yung Ching firewood shop, No. 40, Graham-street, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with the embezzlement of \$130.55 which he is alleged to have collected from three other shops on behalf of his employer.

Accused admitted the charge and said that he had lost all the money in gambling. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

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